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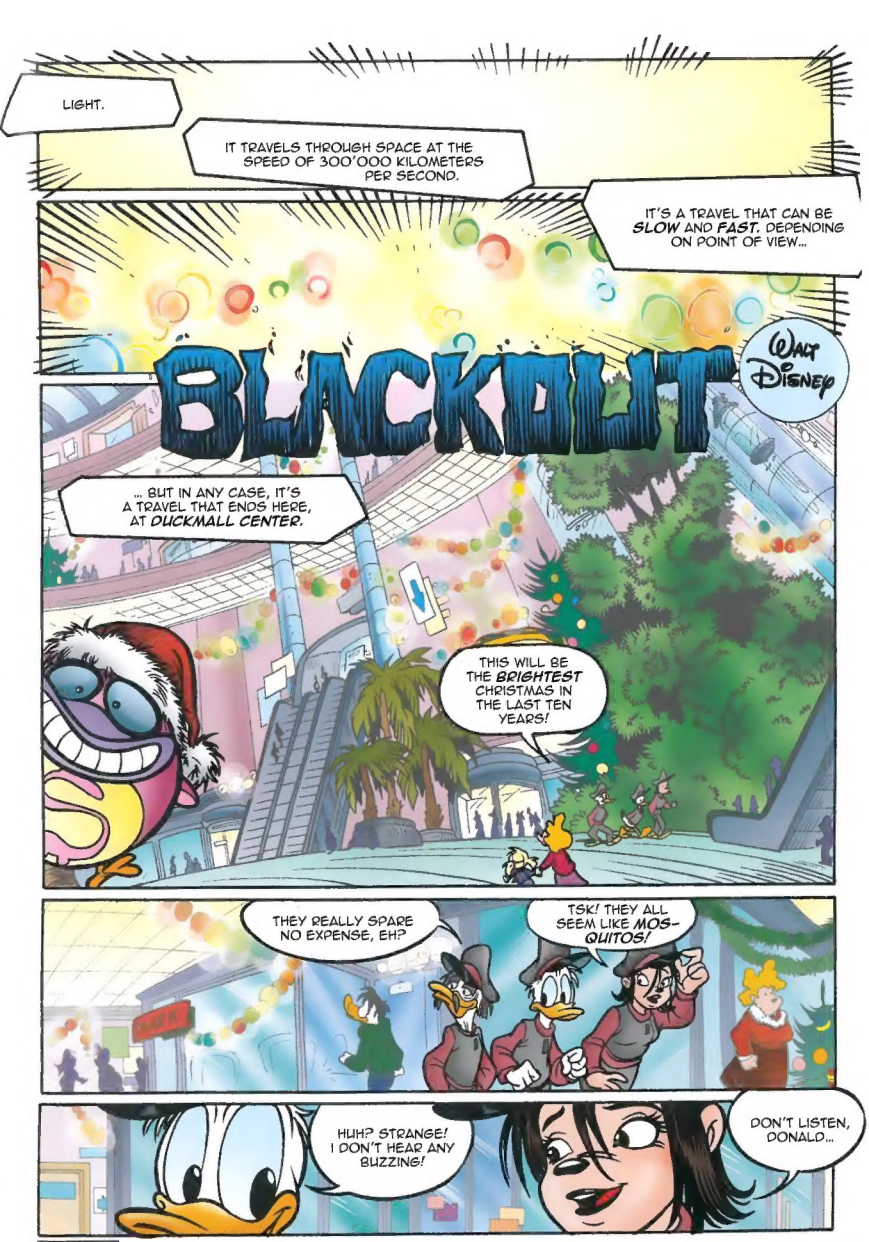
LIGHT.
IT TRAVELS THROUGH SPACE AT THE SPEED OF 300'000 KILOMETERS PER SECOND.
IT'S A TRAVEL THAT CAN BE SLOW AND FAST. DEPENDING ON POINT OF VIEW...
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... BUT IN ANY CASE, IT'S A TRAVEL THAT ENDS HERE, AT DUCKMALL CENTER.
THIS WILL BE THE BRIGHTEST CHRISTMAS IN THE LAST TEN YEARS!
THEY REALLY SPARE NO EXPENSE, EH?
TSK! THEY ALL SEEM LIKE MOSQUITOS!
HUH? STRANGE! I DON'T HEAR ANY BUZZING!
DON'T LISTEN, DONALD...

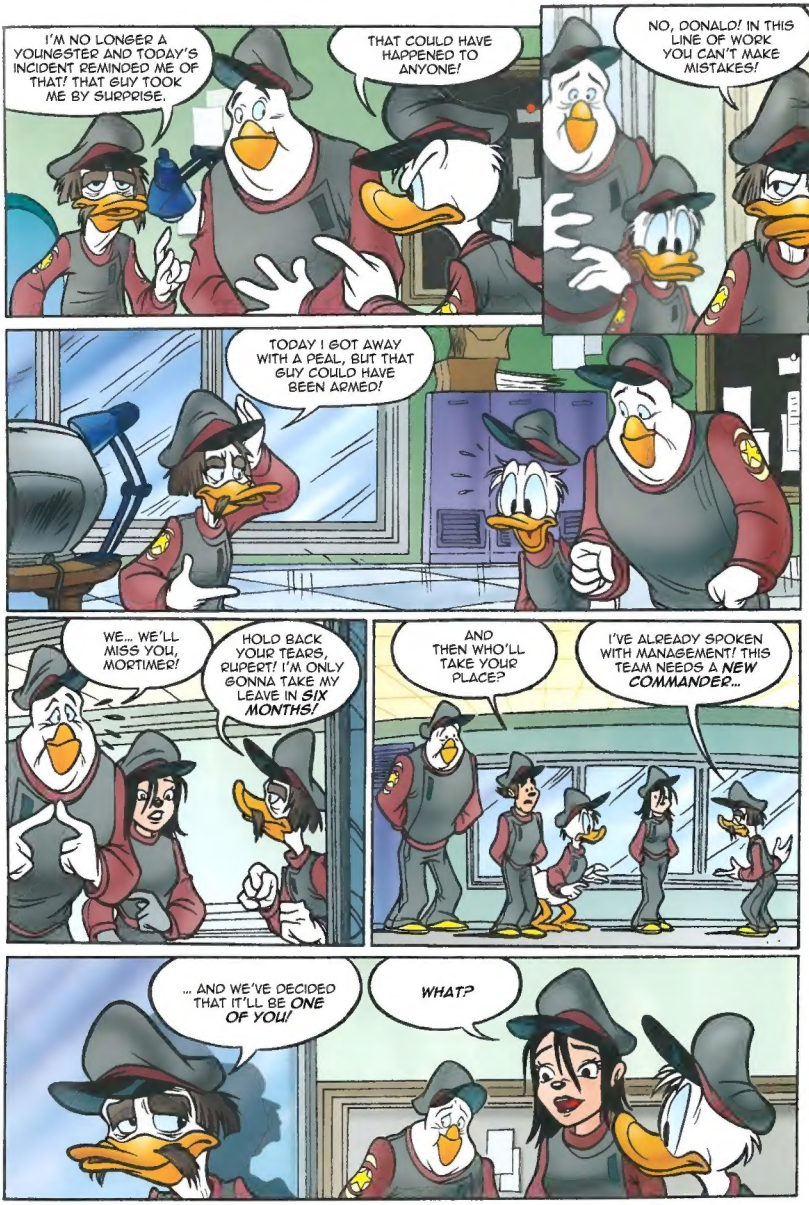
... BUT LOOK AROUND YOU! PEOPLE CAN'T RESIST THE FASCINATION OF LIGHT, JUST LIKE MOSQUITOS...
AND DUCKMALL IS LIKE ONE OF THOSE LIGHT TRAPS FOR INSECTS THAT YOU HANG IN THE SUMMER AT OUTDOOR RESTAURANTS.
IT ATTRACTS YOU, HYPNOTIZES YOU... AND WHEN YOU'RE INSIDE IT'S TOO LATE TO TURN BACK! BZZZ-ZZAP!
DON'T MIND, DONALD! IT'S THE STRESS THAT MAKES HER TALK LIKE THAT!
TO ME THE DECORATED DUCKMALL BRINGS JOY! IT'S ALL SO COLORFUL AND THE AIR SMELLS GOOD.
IT'S ALL PLASTIC, BOSS!
THAT MAY BE, BUT DEAR, OLD WHITEBEARD IS THERE IN THE FLESH!
KID'S CENTER

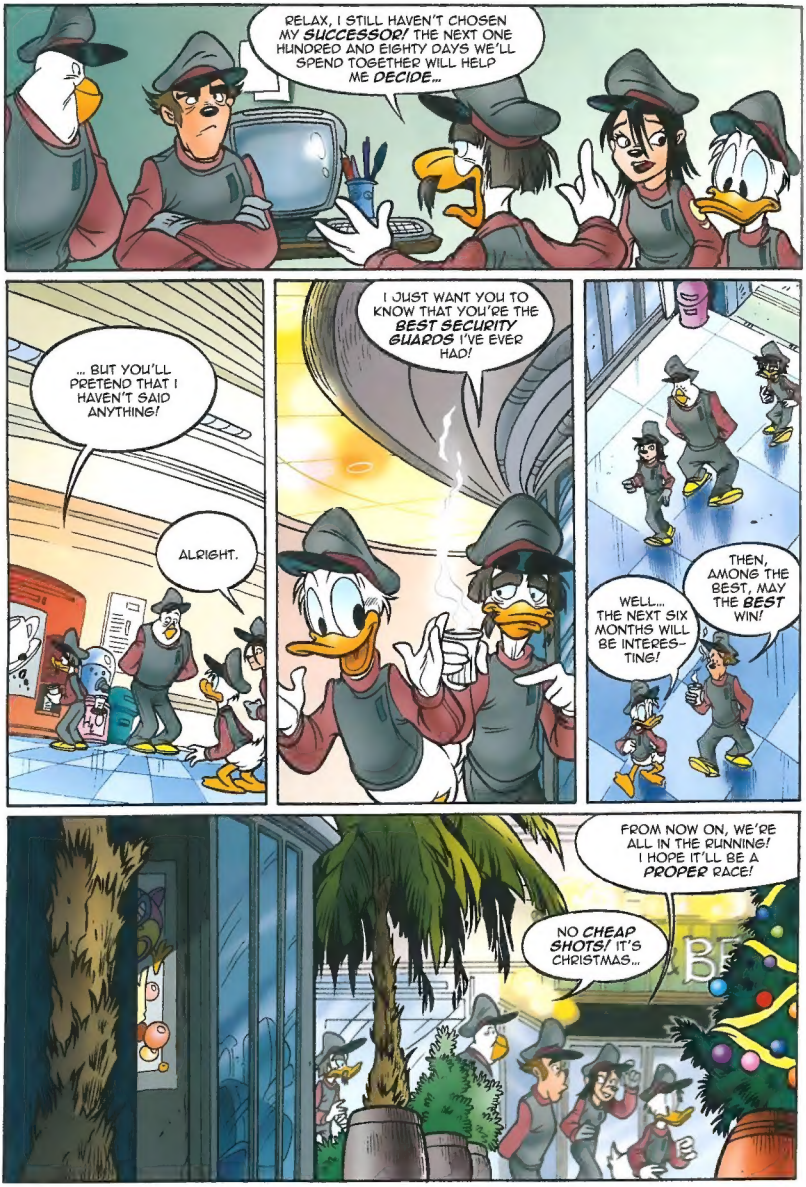
HE'S HERE TO BRING PRESENTS TO ALL THE NICE KIDS, TEMPEST...
AND THE NAUGHTY ONES?
WELL, THEY'LL TAKE CARE OF IT THEMSELVES!
URGH!
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU TOO, RONNIE!
GET LOST, OLD WALRUS!
OUCH!
HEY! STOP RIGHT THERE!
GET BACK HERE!
IN YOUR DREAMS, FLATFOOT!
I MAY HAVE FLAT FEET, BUT I RUN FASTER THAN YOU! YOU'RE A BIT OUT OF SHAPE, PAL...

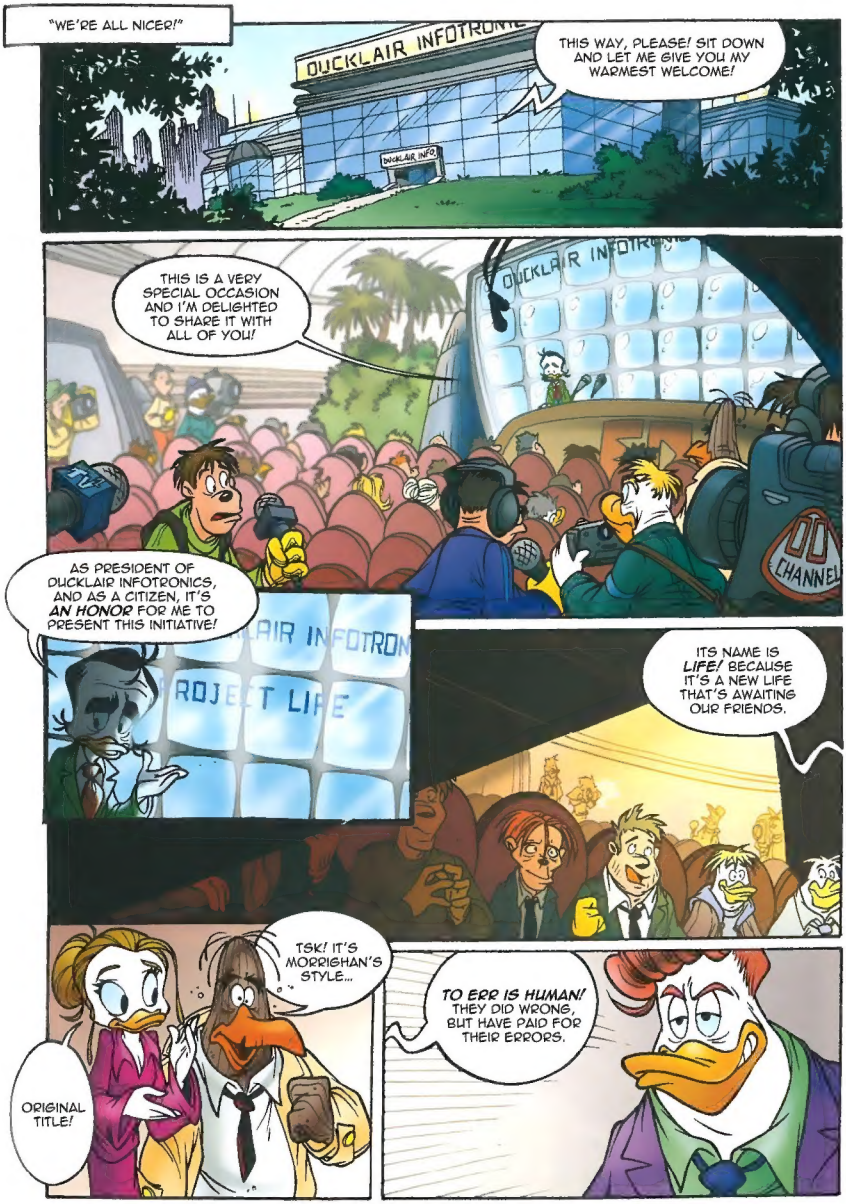
YOU TALK TOO MUCH, DUCK!
I'LL MAKE IT MY NEXT YEAR VOW! WONDER IF BY THEN YOU'LL STILL BE IN PRISON OR HAVE RETURNED TO THE NORTH POLE?
OUFF!
DADDY! THAT MAN IS BEATING SANTA CLAUS!
MUST HAVE HIS GOOD REASONS, SON!
SOCK
JUMP
SMACK
I'M TIRED OF YOU, BEDBUG!
URGH!
WIZTRONIC
I'D GLADLY STAY TO KEEP PUNCHING YOU, BUT I DOUBLE PARKED MY SLED!
AH, NO! I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY LIKE THAT!

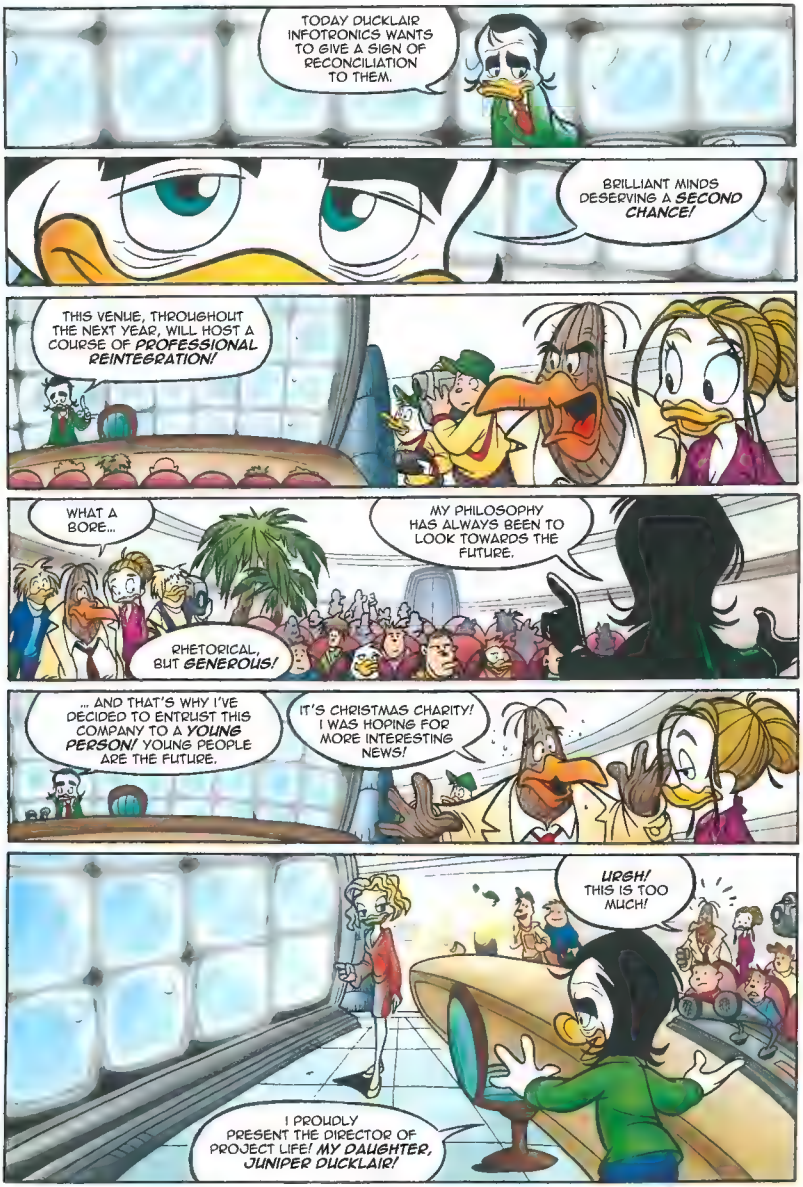
WIZTRONIC
SWIP
SWIP
POW
POW
POW
CRACK
GASP!
D-DON'T SHOOT! I SURRENDER!
HERE HE IS, MORTIMER! HE'S ALL YOURS!
RONNIE WALZER! EVEN BEHIND THAT BEARD I RECOGNIZE YOUR THIEVISH FACE!
HE'S AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE OF OURS WITH A HABIT OF STEALING.
THE YEARS PASS, BUT YOU ALWAYS REMAIN THE SAME! A BIT HEAVIER, PERHAPS...
SMARTEST THING YOU'VE DONE SINCE YOU ENTERED DUCKMALL!
SPORTWEAR & FITNESS
BUT FOR YOUR WEIGHT PROBLEMS THIS IS THE BEST CURE.

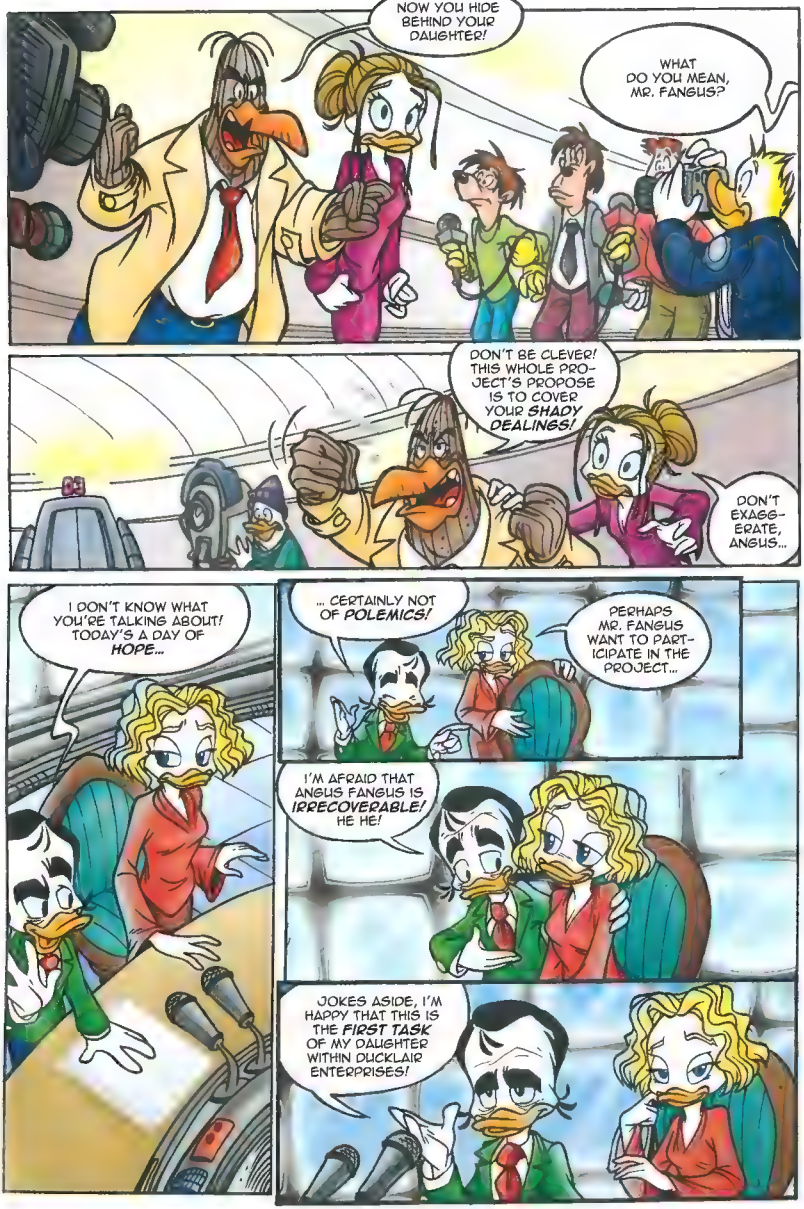
ANOTHER POINT GOES TO STARCORP!
YEAH...
KIDS, I THINK THE TIME HAS COME TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.
HUH?
"I WANT TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT THE END OF THE SHIFT, IN THE SECURITY GUARD ROOM."
SECURITY GUARD ROOM
YOU... YOU'RE KIDDING, MORTIMER!
I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE SERIOUS IN MY LIFE! I'VE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT IT SOME TIME, BUT THEN I SAID... WHY WAIT?
COME ON, DON'T MAKE THOSE FACES! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG IN RETIRING!

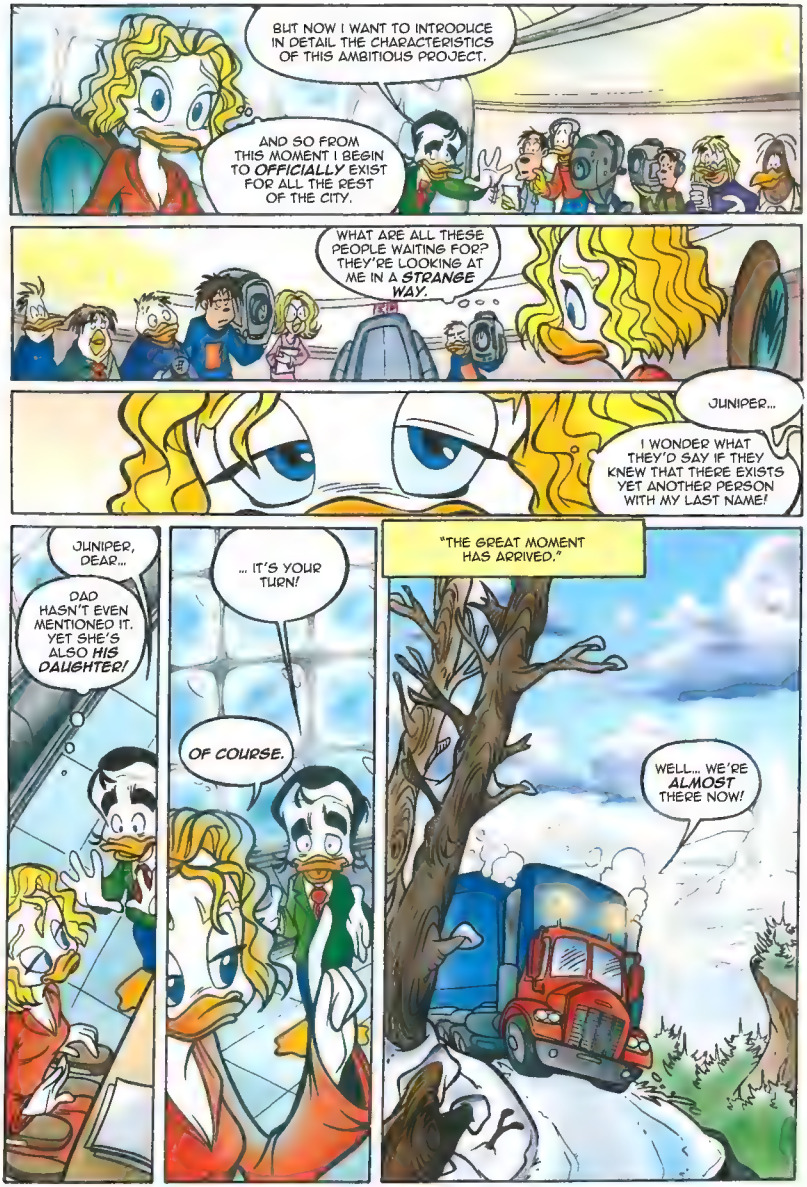

I'M NO LONGER A YOUNGSTER AND TODAY'S INCIDENT REMINDED ME OF THAT! THAT GUY TOOK ME BY SURPRISE.
THAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO ANYONE!
NO, DONALD! IN THIS LINE OF WORK YOU CAN'T MAKE MISTAKES!
TODAY I GOT AWAY WITH A PEAL, BUT THAT GUY COULD HAVE BEEN ARMED!
WE... WE'LL MISS YOU, MORTIMER!
HOLD BACK YOUR TEARS, RUPERT! I'M ONLY GONNA TAKE MY LEAVE IN SIX MONTHS!
AND THEN WHO'LL TAKE YOUR PLACE?
I'VE ALREADY SPOKEN WITH MANAGEMENT! THIS TEAM NEEDS A NEW COMMANDER...
... AND WE'VE DECIDED THAT IT'LL BE ONE OF YOU!
WHAT?

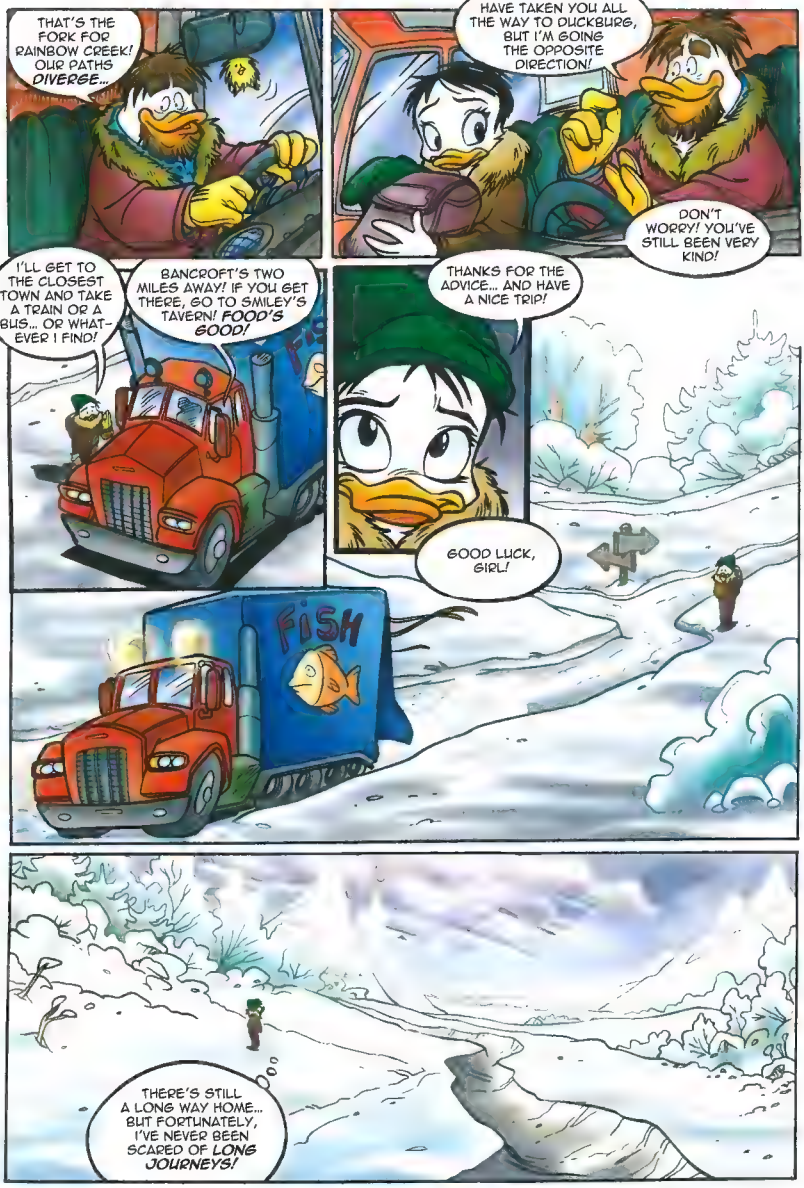

RELAX, I STILL HAVEN'T CHOSEN MY SUCCESSOR! THE NEXT ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DAYS WE'LL SPEND TOGETHER WILL HELP ME DECIDE...
... BUT YOU'LL PRETEND THAT I HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING!
ALRIGHT.
I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE THE BEST SECURITY GUARDS I'VE EVER HAD!
WELL... THE NEXT SIX MONTHS WILL BE INTERES-TING!
THEN, AMONG THE BEST, MAY THE BEST WIN!
FROM NOW ON, WE'RE ALL IN THE RUNNING! I HOPE IT'LL BE A PROPER RACE!
NO CHEAP SHOTS! IT'S CHRISTMAS...


"WE'RE ALL NICER!"
DUCKLAIR INFOTRONICS
DUCKLAIR INFO
THIS WAY, PLEASE! SIT DOWN AND LET ME GIVE YOU MY WARMEST WELCOME!
DUCKLAIR INFOTRONICS
THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION AND I'M DELIGHTED TO SHARE IT WITH ALL OF YOU!
DUCK CHANNEL
AS PRESIDENT OF DUCKLAIR INFOTRONICS, AND AS A CITIZEN, IT'S AN HONOR FOR ME TO PRESENT THIS INITIATIVE!
AIR INFOTRON
ROJECT LIFE
ITS NAME IS LIFE! BECAUSE IT'S A NEW LIFE THAT'S AWAITING OUR FRIENDS.
TSK! IT'S MORRIGHAN'S STYLE...
ORIGINAL TITLE!
TO ERR IS HUMAN! THEY DID WRONG, BUT HAVE PAID FOR THEIR ERRORS.


TODAY DUCKLAIR INFOTRONICS WANTS TO GIVE A SIGN OF RECONCILIATION TO THEM.
BRILLIANT MINDS DESERVING A SECOND CHANCE!
THIS VENUE, THROUGHOUT THE NEXT YEAR, WILL HOST A COURSE OF PROFESSIONAL REINTEGRATION!
WHAT A BORE...
MY PHILOSOPHY HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO LOOK TOWARDS THE FUTURE.
RHETORICAL, BUT GENEROUS!
... AND THAT'S WHY I'VE DECIDED TO ENTRUST THIS COMPANY TO A YOUNG PERSON! YOUNG PEOPLE ARE THE FUTURE.
IT'S CHRISTMAS CHARITY! I WAS HOPING FOR MORE INTERESTING NEWS!
URGH! THIS IS TOO MUCH!
I PROUDLY PRESENT THE DIRECTOR OF PROJECT LIFE! MY DAUGHTER, JUNIPER DUCKLAIR!


NOW YOU HIDE BEHIND YOUR DAUGHTER!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MR. FANGUS?
DON'T BE CLEVER! THIS WHOLE PROJECT'S PROPOSE IS TO COVER YOUR SHADY DEALINGS!
DON'T EXAGGERATE, ANGUS...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT! TODAY'S A DAY OF HOPE...
... CERTAINLY NOT OF POLEMICS!
PERHAPS MR. FANGUS WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT...
I'M AFRAID THAT ANGUS FANGUS IS IRRECOVERABLE! HE HE!
JOKES ASIDE, I'M HAPPY THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TASK OF MY DAUGHTER WITHIN DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISES!


BUT NOW I WANT TO INTRODUCE IN DETAIL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS AMBITIOUS PROJECT.
AND SO FROM THIS MOMENT I BEGIN TO OFFICIALLY EXIST FOR ALL THE REST OF THE CITY.
WHAT ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE WAITING FOR? THEY'RE LOOKING AT ME IN A STRANGE WAY.
JUNIPER...
I WONDER WHAT THEY'D SAY IF THEY KNEW THAT THERE EXISTS YET ANOTHER PERSON WITH MY LAST NAME!
JUNIPER, DEAR...
DAD HASN'T EVEN MENTIONED IT. YET SHE'S ALSO HIS DAUGHTER!
... IT'S YOUR TURN!
OF COURSE.
"THE GREAT MOMENT HAS ARRIVED."
WELL... WE'RE ALMOST THERE NOW!


THAT'S THE FORK FOR RAINBOW CREEK! OUR PATHS DIVERGE...
I WOULD GLADLY HAVE TAKEN YOU ALL THE WAY TO DUCKBURG, BUT I'M GOING THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION!
DON'T WORRY! YOU'VE STILL BEEN VERY KIND!
I'LL GET TO THE CLOSEST TOWN AND TAKE A TRAIN OR A BUS... OR WHATEVER I FIND!
BANCROFT'S TWO MILES AWAY! IF YOU GET THERE, GO TO SMILEY'S TAVERN! FOOD'S GOOD!
THANKS FOR THE ADVICE... AND HAVE A NICE TRIP!
GOOD LUCK, GIRL!
FISH
THERE'S STILL A LONG WAY HOME... BUT FORTUNATELY, I'VE NEVER BEEN SCARED OF LONG JOURNEYS!

SOMEONE'S COMING, SHERIFF!
FOR BEING A TOURIST SHE'S OUT OF SEASON! NO ONE EVER COMES TO BANCROFT IN THE WINTER...
MAYBE SHE'S NOT A TOURIST!
YEAH! SHE HAS THE AIR OF BEING A LOAFER! THE KIND OF VISITORS WHO AREN'T WELCOME IN MY TOWN!
HEY, YOU!
?
ISN'T IT A BIT COLD FOR A WALK?
I DON'T THINK SO! IT'S A WONDERFUL DAY!
AH, YES? SOON YOU MAY NOT FIND IT SO WONDERFUL! LET ME SEE YOUR DOCUMENTS!
WHY? WHAT HAVE I DONE?
THE SHERIFF ASKED YOU TO DO SOMETHING, FRIEND!
AND IF I DON'T WANT TO OBEY?

UH OH! WE HAVE A TOUGH COOKIE!
ARE YOU PLANNING TO SCARE US?
YES.
HMM...
ELEANOR, I WANT TO SPEAK WITH MR. TRENTOR!
CLACK
EHEM... MISS DUCKLAIR... THIS IS THE RECEPTION!
OH! I'M SORRY! AND GOOD WORK!

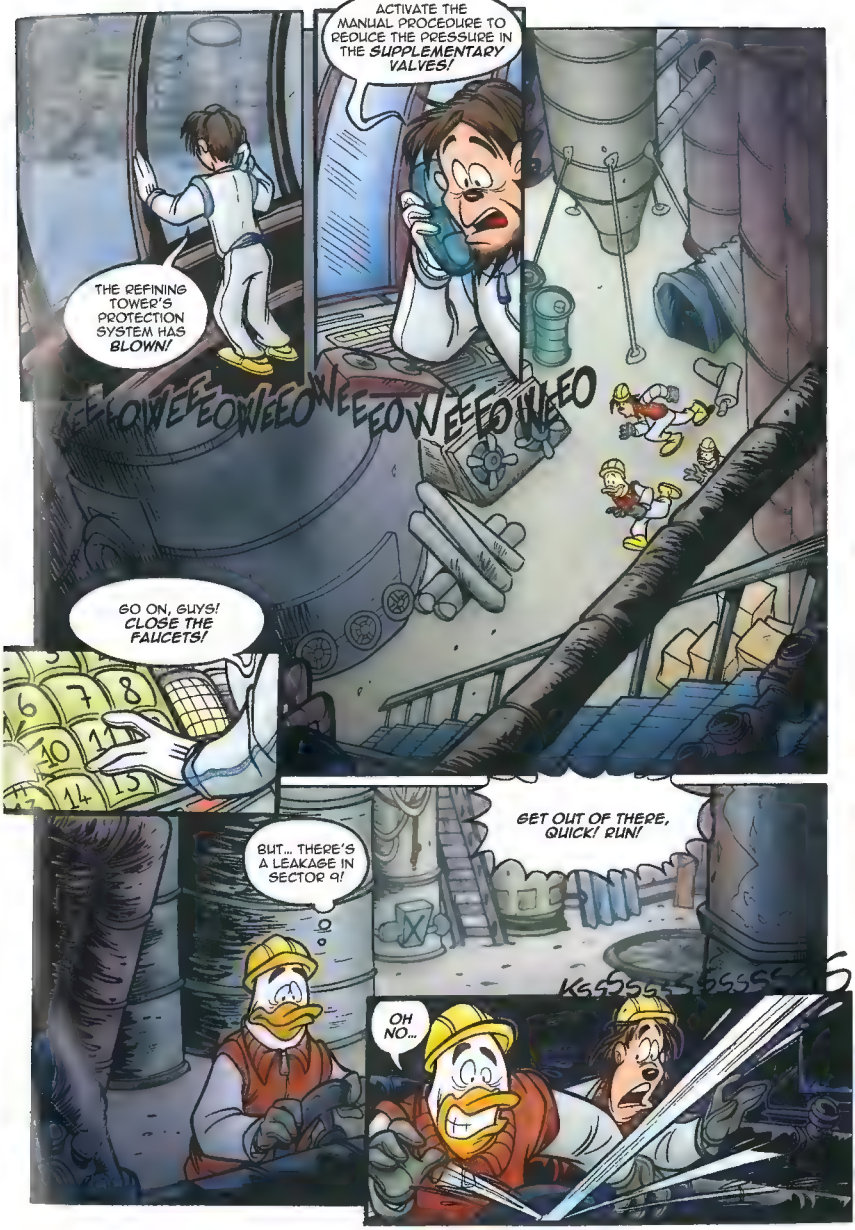
ELEANOR, I WANT TO SPEAK WITH MR. TRENTOR!
UH... THERE MAY BE A MISTAKE, MISS DUCKLAIR! I'M JONES, OF THE ADMINISTRATION!
AH! FORGIVE ME! I MUST HAVE PRESSED THE WRONG BUTTON!
ELEANOR...
THIS IS THE ANSWERING MACHINE OF INTERIOR 444. MESSAGE ONE...
ELEANOR! I WANT TO SPEAK WITH MR. TRENT... HEY, WHY DID THIS LIGHT TURN ON? ----- BEEEP -----
MESSAGE TWO: ELEANOR? CAN YOU HEAR ME? HELLO, HELLO, HELLO? ELEANOR? UGH! ----- BEEEP -----
JUNIPER DUCKLAIR
MISS DUCKLAIR! CAN I DO ANYTHING FOR YOU?
YES, ELEANOR! FINISH DESTROYING THIS IMPLEMENT, PLEASE!

TRENTOR! COME WITH ME! I WANT TO TALK!
I'VE CAREFULLY READ YOUR DOSSIER, MR. TRENTOR...
... AND IT SEEMS THAT YOU ARE AN ELECTRONICS GENIUS!
YOU'RE VERY KIND, MISS DUCKLAIR!
YOUR NOTES IMMEDIATELY IMPRESSED ME! YOU REALLY HAVE A GREAT TALENT!
A TALENT THAT'S ALREADY BEEN SERVING DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISES!
I WORKED IN YOUR FATHER'S BUSINESS FOR TWELVE YEARS!
UNTIL YOU WERE ARRESTED FOR INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE AND HACKING...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE AWARE OF IT! IF YOU WANT ME TO LEAVE, I CAN...

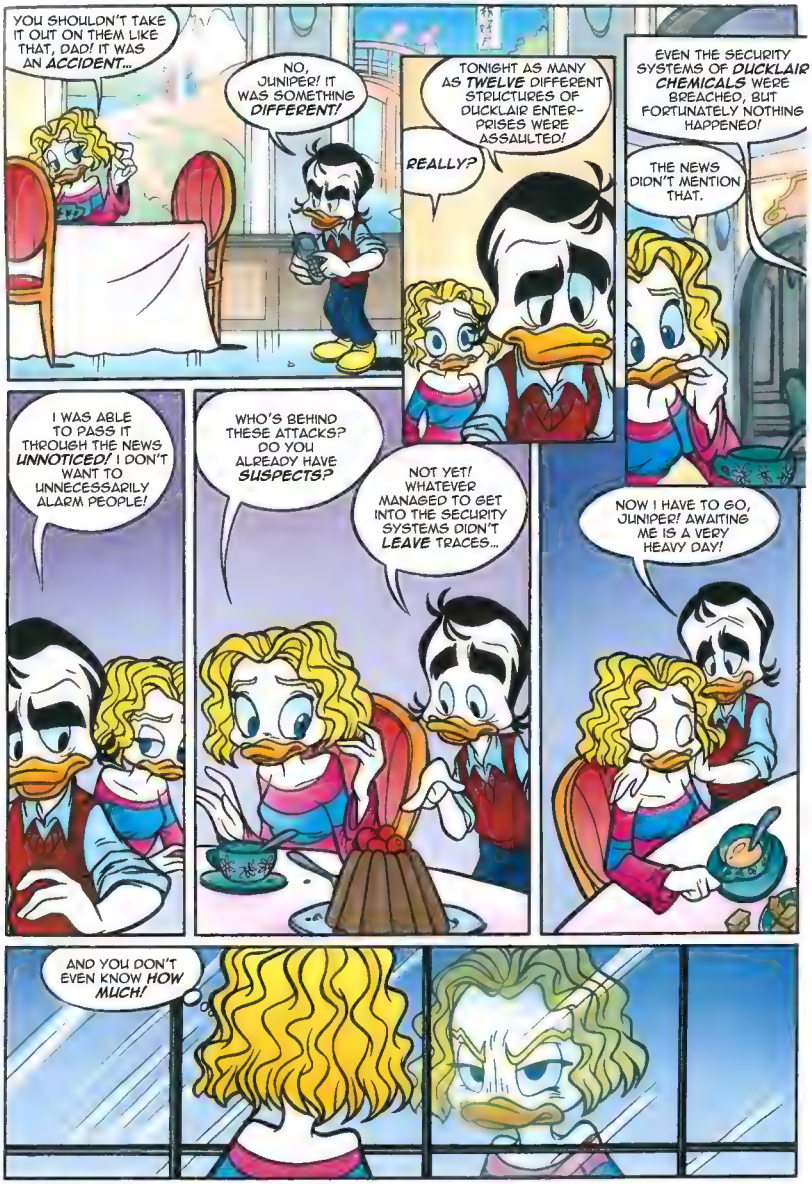
OH, STAY CALM, TRENTOR! I DIDN'T CALL YOU HERE SCOLD YOU! QUITE THE OPPOSITE.
I GREATLY ADMIRE SPECIAL PEOPLE! YOU HAVE IDEAS AND INITIATIVE! YOU'VE ALREADY PAID FOR YOUR CRIMES AND THE PAST DOESN'T CONCERN ME.
LIKE MY FATHER, I LOOK TOWARDS THE FUTURE.
O-OF COURSE, MISS DUCKLAIR...
AND THE TWO OF US, IN THE FUTURE, COULD GET ALONG!
AH!
NOW YOU CAN TELL ME THE TRUTH, CORMACK! YOU HATE MY FATHER, RIGHT? IT'S HE WHO SENT YOU TO PRISON.
I... I...

I HATE DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISES, BUT I DON'T HAVE IT IN FOR YOUR FATHER! T-THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON THAT I *HATE*...
... AND HIS NAME IS *ANYMORE BORING!* IT'S HE WHO DISCOVERED EVERYTHING. HE HAD ME ARRESTED....
OH! THEN THE DOCILE ANYMORE IS LESS *MEEK* THAN HE SEEMS.
THERE'S MUCH *ANGER* IN YOU, CORMACK! HIDING BEHIND THE MASK OF COURTESY WILL DO YOU NO GOOD.
THE OPPORTUNITY THE PROJECT OFFERS YOU IS JUST *CHARITY!* YOU SEEK *REVENGE!*
YES... *REVENGE*...
THEN TELL ME, CORMACK... WHAT CAN I DO *FOR YOU?*

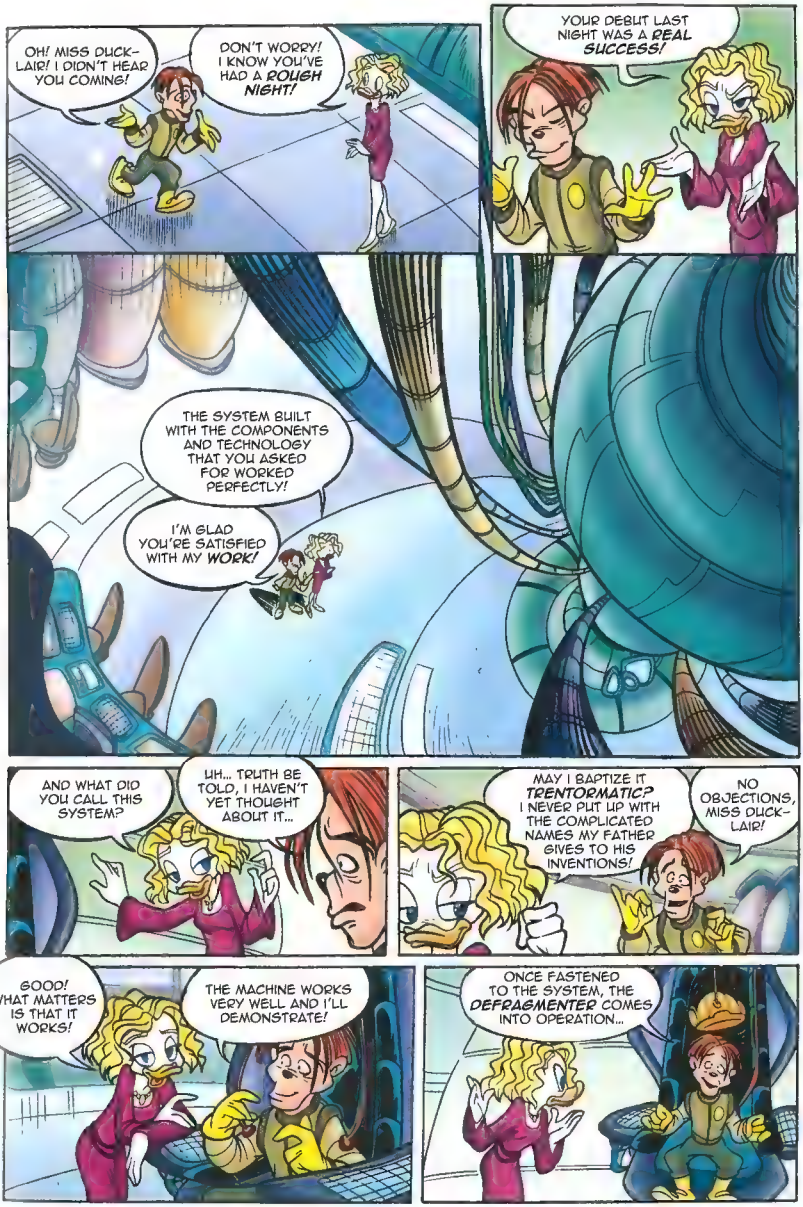
DUCKLAIR REFINERIES, A FEW DAYS LATER...
CONTROL POINT NUMBER 22.
BASEBALL
HUH?
WEEEO WEEEO WEEEOOOO WEEEO WEEEO
I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
ONE MOMENT! I'M COMING!
CONTROL 22! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW TOO!

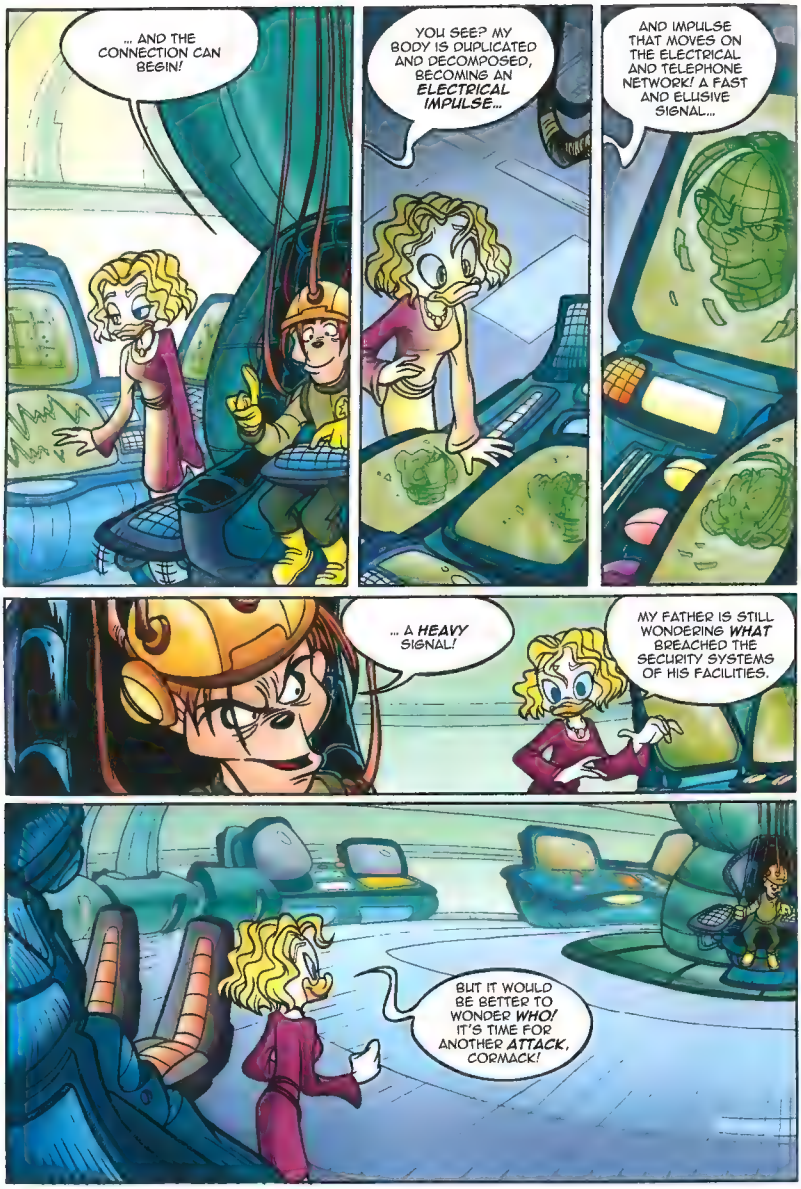

ACTIVATE THE MANUAL PROCEDURE TO REDUCE THE PRESSURE IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY VALVES!
THE REFINING TOWER'S PROTECTION SYSTEM HAS BLOWN!
EEEOWEEEOWEEEOWEEEOWEEEOWEEEO
GO ON, GUYS! CLOSE THE FAUCETS!
GET OUT OF THERE, QUICK! RUN!
BUT... THERE'S A LEAKAGE IN SECTOR 9!
OH NO...

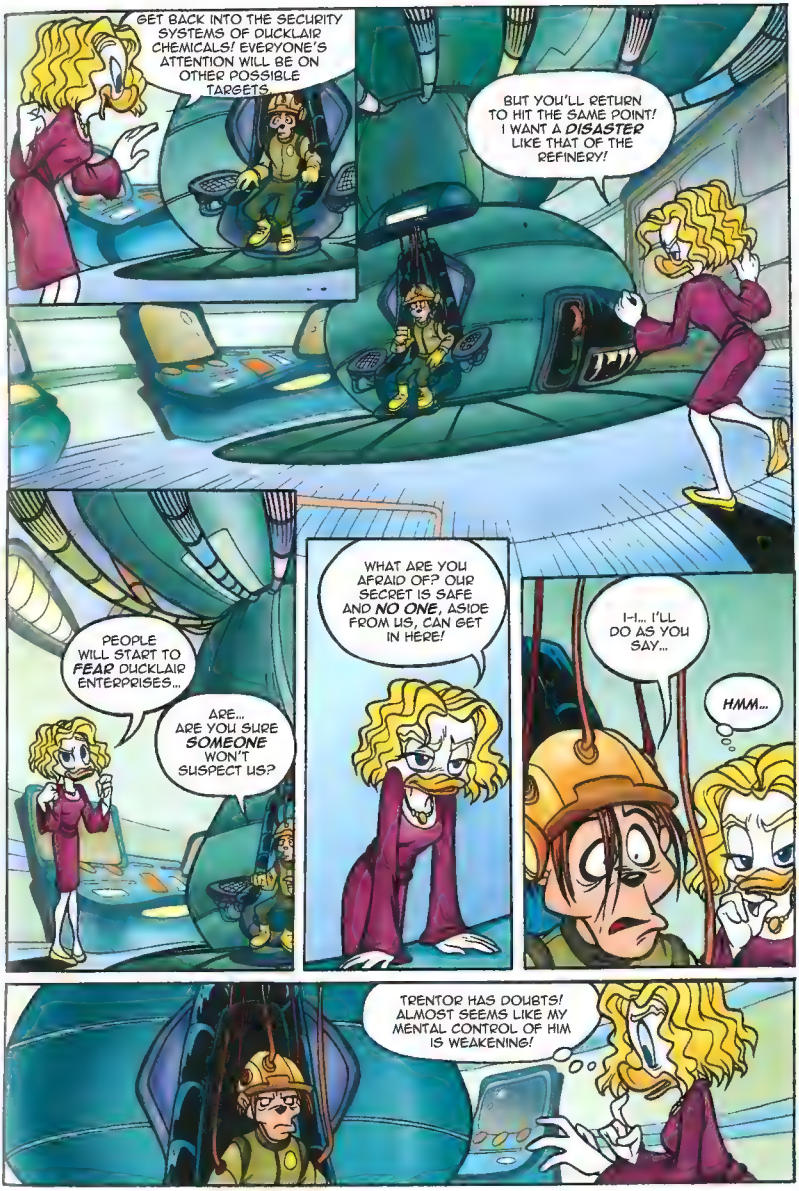
GO! EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF!
BA-DOO
THE INCIDENT LAST NIGHT FORTUNATELY DIDN'T CLAIM ANY VICTIMS, BUT THE DAMAGES ARE ENORMOUS!
NEWS LIVE
NEWS CHANNEL
HERE'S THE SPECTACLE THAT PRESENTED ITSELF TO OUR EYES AT DAWN!
MILK
CHANNEL
A VAST AREA WAS INVADED BY OIL SPILLED INTO THE SEA...
INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE CAUSES OF THIS DISASTER ARE STILL ONGOING...
NO! I WANT TO KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED! NOW!


YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE IT OUT ON THEM LIKE THAT, DAD! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT...
NO, JUNIPER! IT WAS SOMETHING DIFFERENT!
TONIGHT AS MANY AS TWELVE DIFFERENT STRUCTURES OF DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISES WERE ASSAULTED!
REALLY?
EVEN THE SECURITY SYSTEMS OF DUCKLAIR CHEMICALS WERE BREACHED, BUT FORTUNATELY NOTHING HAPPENED!
THE NEWS DIDN'T MENTION THAT.
I WAS ABLE TO PASS IT THROUGH THE NEWS UNNOTICED! I DON'T WANT TO UNNECESSARILY ALARM PEOPLE!
WHO'S BEHIND THESE ATTACKS? DO YOU ALREADY HAVE SUSPECTS?
NOT YET! WHATEVER MANAGED TO GET INTO THE SECURITY SYSTEMS DIDN'T LEAVE TRACES...
NOW I HAVE TO GO, JUNIPER! AWAITING ME IS A VERY HEAVY DAY!
AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW MUCH!

MR. TRENTOR HAS ALREADY ARRIVED?
DUCKLAIR INFOTR
TRUTH BE TOLD, MISS DUCKLAIR, I THINK HE'S BEEN IN HIS NEW LABORATORY SINCE LAST NIGHT!
THE NEW TASK I ENTRUSTED HIM MUST PLEASE HIM VERY MUCH!
I BELIEVE HE'S ENGAGED IN SOME EXPERIMENTS! HE SAID TO NOT BE DISTURBED!
MR. TRENTOR HAS A REAL PASSION FOR HIS WORK.
BUT OBVIOUSLY THAT ORDER ISN'T VALID FOR EVERYONE!
KSSSSSSSSS
BZZZZZZ
KSSSS
STUMP
GOOD MORNING, CORMACK!
HUH?

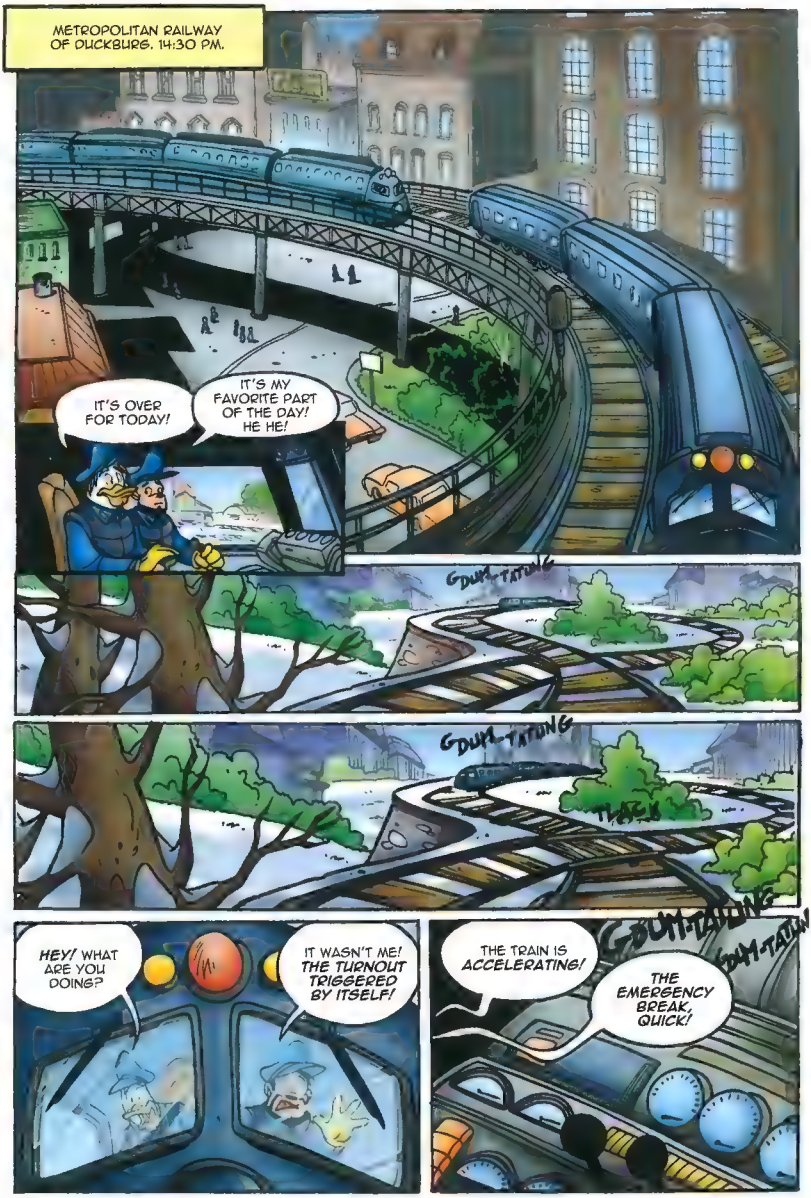

OH! MISS DUCK-LAIR! I DIDN'T HEAR YOU COMING!
DON'T WORRY! I KNOW YOU'VE HAD A ROUGH NIGHT!
YOUR DEBUT LAST NIGHT WAS A REAL SUCCESS!
THE SYSTEM BUILT WITH THE COMPONENTS AND TECHNOLOGY THAT YOU ASKED FOR WORKED PERFECTLY!
I'M GLAD YOU'RE SATISFIED WITH MY WORK!
AND WHAT DID YOU CALL THIS SYSTEM?
UH... TRUTH BE TOLD, I HAVEN'T YET THOUGHT ABOUT IT...
MAY I BAPTIZE IT TRENTORMATIC? I NEVER PUT UP WITH THE COMPLICATED NAMES MY FATHER GIVES TO HIS INVENTIONS!
NO OBJECTIONS, MISS DUCK-LAIR!
GOOD! WHAT MATTERS IS THAT IT WORKS!
THE MACHINE WORKS VERY WELL AND I'LL DEMONSTRATE!
ONCE FASTENED TO THE SYSTEM, THE DEFRAGMENTER COMES INTO OPERATION...


... AND THE CONNECTION CAN BEGIN!
YOU SEE? MY BODY IS DUPLICATED AND DECOMPOSED, BECOMING AN ELECTRICAL IMPULSE...
AND IMPULSE THAT MOVES ON THE ELECTRICAL AND TELEPHONE NETWORK! A FAST AND ELUSIVE SIGNAL...
... A HEAVY SIGNAL!
MY FATHER IS STILL WONDERING WHAT BREACHED THE SECURITY SYSTEMS OF HIS FACILITIES.
BUT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO WONDER WHO! IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER ATTACK, CORMACK!

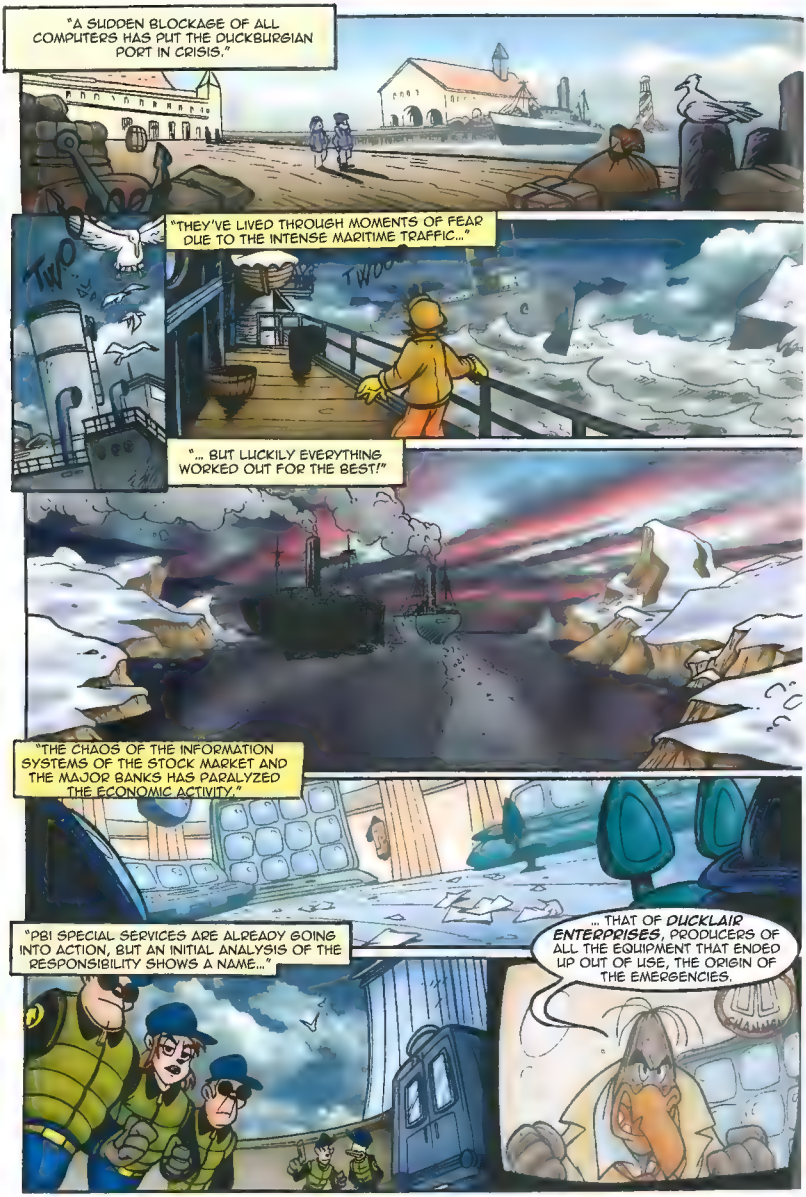

GET BACK INTO THE SECURITY SYSTEMS OF DUCKLAIR CHEMICALS! EVERYONE'S ATTENTION WILL BE ON OTHER POSSIBLE TARGETS.
BUT YOU'LL RETURN TO HIT THE SAME POINT! I WANT A DISASTER LIKE THAT OF THE REFINERY!
PEOPLE WILL START TO FEAR DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISES...
ARE... ARE YOU SURE SOMEONE WON'T SUSPECT US?
WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF? OUR SECRET IS SAFE AND NO ONE, ASIDE FROM US, CAN GET IN HERE!
I-I... I'LL DO AS YOU SAY...
HMM...
TRENTOR HAS DOUBTS! ALMOST SEEMS LIKE MY MENTAL CONTROL OF HIM IS WEAKENING!

DON'T LOSE CONCENTRATION, CORMACK! YOU KNOW WHAT YOU NEED TO DO... YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SEEKING...
... AND IT'S SOMETHING CALLED REVENGE!
CRACK
TRRRRRRRRZZZ

AM I REALLY SO DIFFERENT TO THE POINT OF BEING UNRECOGNIZABLE?
W-WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
I AM HIS VIRTUAL COPY! I'M JUST LIKE HIM... BUT FREE FROM YOUR MENTAL CONTROL!
Y-YOU CAN'T BE TRENTOR! HE'S HERE!
CORMACK... PLEASE! OPEN YOUR EYES!
SAVE YOUR BREATH! HE CAN'T HEAR YOU! HE'S JUST AN EMPTY BODY WITHOUT CONSCIENCE...
... AND THAT CONSCIENCE IS ME!
WHAT... WHAT DO YOU WANT?
NOTHING YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT! YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT ME AND I KNOW MANY THINGS ABOUT YOU...
... WE'RE PARTNERS, NOW!

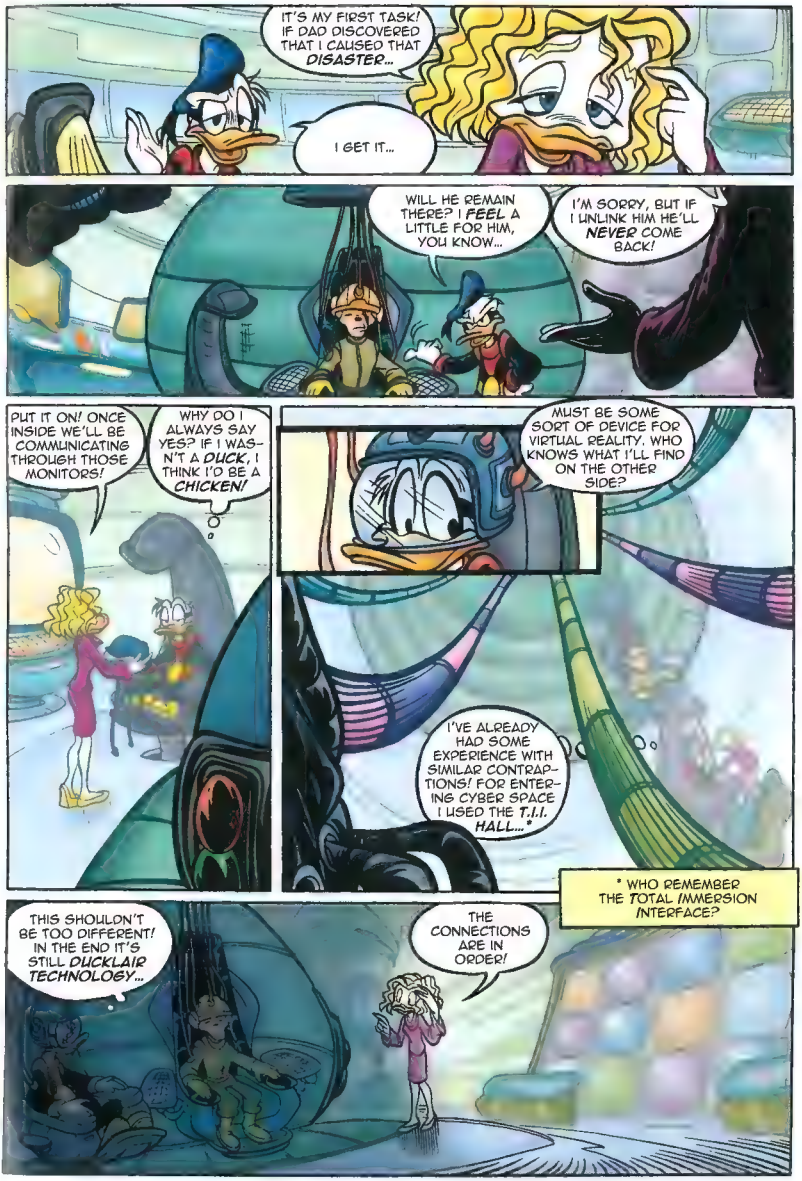

METROPOLITAN RAILWAY OF DUCKBURG. 14:30 PM.
IT'S OVER FOR TODAY!
IT'S MY FAVORITE PART OF THE DAY! HE HE!
GDUM-TATUNG
GDUM-TATUNG
THAT'S
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT WASN'T ME! THE TURNOUT TRIGGERED BY ITSELF!
THE TRAIN IS ACCELERATING!
GDUM-TATUNG
DUM-TATUN
THE EMERGENCY BREAK, QUICK!

THE SYSTEM'S NOT RESPONDING!
THE TRAIN IS OUT OF CONTROL! JUMP OUT!
GDUM-TATUNG GDUM-TATUNG
OH NO...
GDUM-TATUNG
GDUM-TATUNG
"THE INCREDIBLE SERIES OF EVENTS THAT'S STRUCK THE CITY BEGAN THIS AFTERNOON WITH THE DERAILMENT OF A METRO TRAIN..."
"THE TRAIN, FORTUNATELY WITHOUT PASSENGERS, HAS PARALYZED THE TRAFFIC OF THE ENTIRE NORTHERN AREA..."

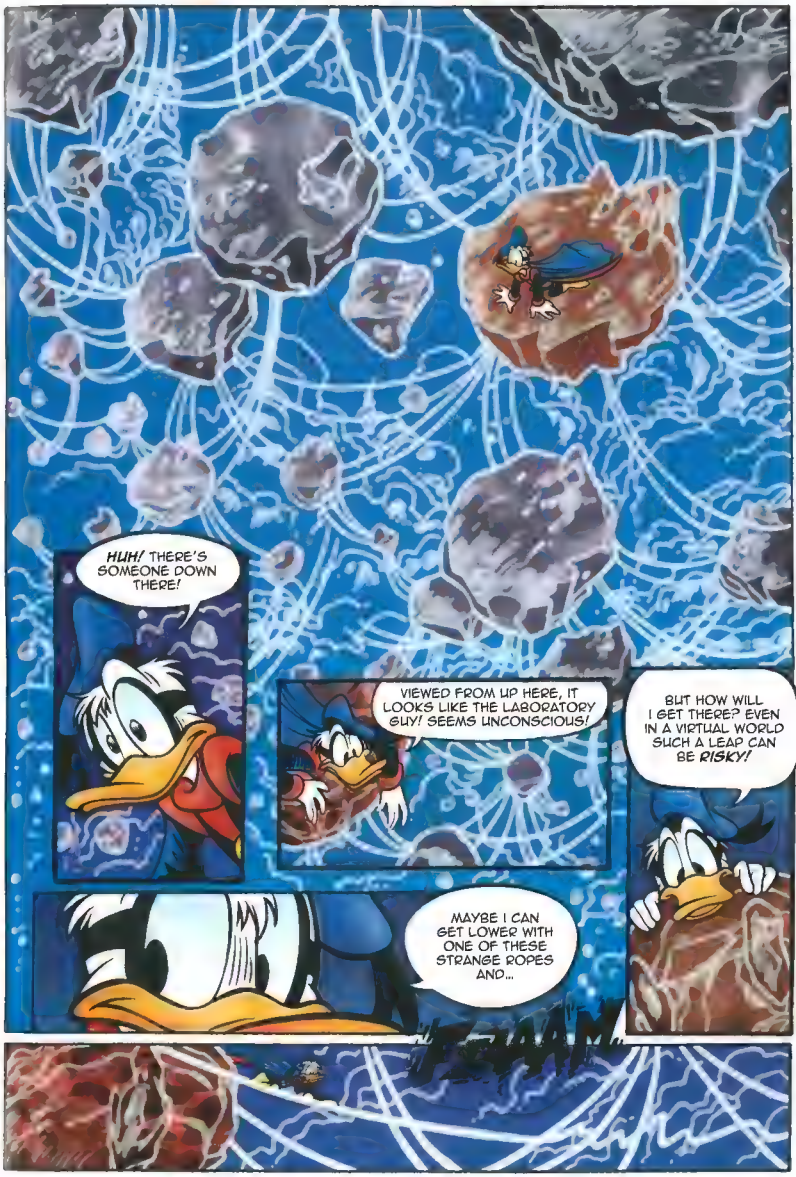

"A SUDDEN BLOCKAGE OF ALL COMPUTERS HAS PUT THE DUCKBURGIAN PORT IN CRISIS."
"THEY'VE LIVED THROUGH MOMENTS OF FEAR DUE TO THE INTENSE MARITIME TRAFFIC..."
TWO...
TWOO
"... BUT LUCKILY EVERYTHING WORKED OUT FOR THE BEST!"
"THE CHAOS OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS OF THE STOCK MARKET AND THE MAJOR BANKS HAS PARALYZED THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY."
"PBI SPECIAL SERVICES ARE ALREADY GOING INTO ACTION, BUT AN INITIAL ANALYSIS OF THE RESPONSIBILITY SHOWS A NAME..."
... THAT OF DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISES, PRODUCERS OF ALL THE EQUIPMENT THAT ENDED UP OUT OF USE, THE ORIGIN OF THE EMERGENCIES.
CHANNEL

IS IT A SIMPLE, INCREDIBLE COINCIDENCE OR IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE BEHIND?
?!
TUM TUM TUM
AM I DISTURBING?
DUCK AVENGER! WHAT A RELIEF TO SEE YOU! I WAS DESPERATE! I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO CONTACT YOU!
I... I BELIEVE THAT IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
"BUT TO UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE TO COME WITH ME..."
YOU WEREN'T AT DUCKLAIR MANOR AND I THOUGHT TO LOOK FOR YOU HERE!
WHAT'S GOING ON, JUNIPER?

RELAX, THE LABORATORY'S DESERTED!
ALRIGHT.
IT ALL STARTED HERE! IN THIS RESTRICTED AREA NEW INFORMATION SECURITY SYSTEMS WERE STUDIED!
AND WHAT IS THIS?
ONE OF MY TECHNICIANS WAS WORKING ON A REVOLUTIONARY ANTIVIRUS PROGRAM, WHEN SOMETHING WENT WRONG...
HMM... WHAT RELATION IS THERE BETWEEN THIS INCIDENT AND WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?
I WAS HOPING SO MUCH YOU'D COME! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE HIM!
ONLY HE HAS THE ANSWER... BUT NOW HE'S IMPRISONED IN THAT MACHINE!
BUT... WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I DON'T KNOW, AVENGER! YOU'RE THE HERO!
BUT YOUR FATHER IS THE GENIUS OF THE FAMILY! WHY DIDN'T YOU ASK HIM FOR HELP?

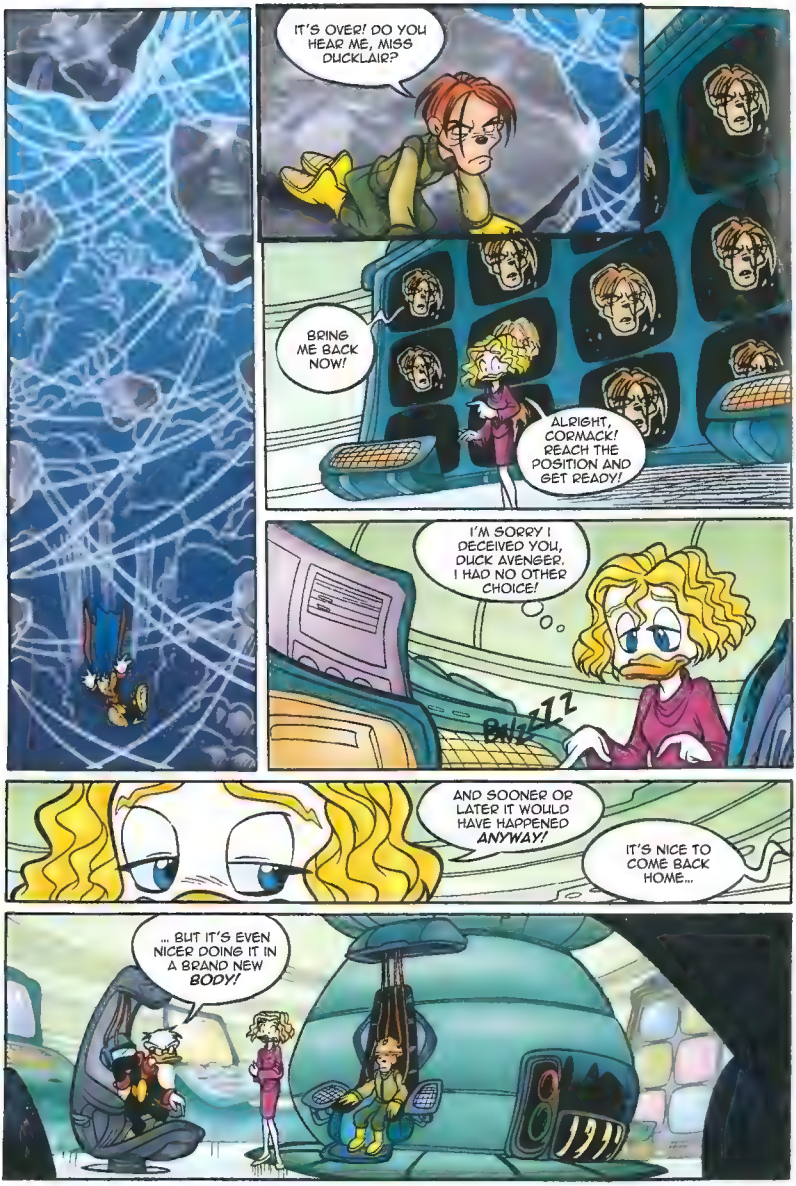

IT'S MY FIRST TASK! IF DAD DISCOVERED THAT I CAUSED THAT DISASTER...
I GET IT...
WILL HE REMAIN THERE? I FEEL A LITTLE FOR HIM, YOU KNOW...
I'M SORRY, BUT IF I UNLINK HIM HE'LL NEVER COME BACK!
PUT IT ON! ONCE INSIDE WE'LL BE COMMUNICATING THROUGH THOSE MONITORS!
WHY DO I ALWAYS SAY YES? IF I WASN'T A DUCK, I THINK I'D BE A CHICKEN!
MUST BE SOME SORT OF DEVICE FOR VIRTUAL REALITY. WHO KNOWS WHAT I'LL FIND ON THE OTHER SIDE?
I'VE ALREADY HAD SOME EXPERIENCE WITH SIMILAR CONTRAPTIONS! FOR ENTERING CYBER SPACE I USED THE T.I.I. HALL...*
* WHO REMEMBER THE TOTAL IMMERSION INTERFACE?
THIS SHOULDN'T BE TOO DIFFERENT! IN THE END IT'S STILL DUCKLAIR TECHNOLOGY...
THE CONNECTIONS ARE IN ORDER!

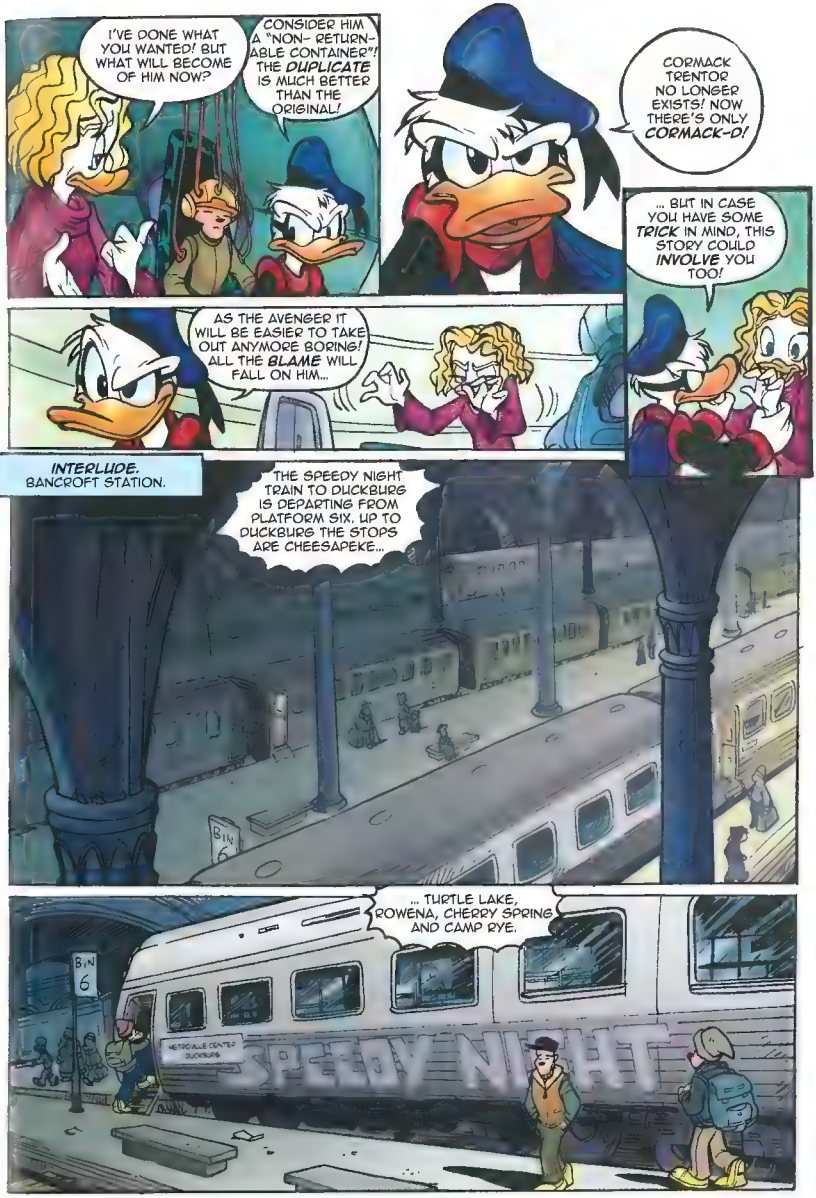
ARE YOU READY?
DO YOU WANT THE TRUTH OR A WHITE LIE?
A WHITE LIE.
I'M MORE THAN READY, JUNIPER, AND I CAN'T WAIT TO LAUNCH INTO THIS NEW, EXCITING ADVENTURE!
THEN... CONTACT!
WMMMMMMMMMMMMMM
WMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM


HUH! THERE'S SOMEONE DOWN THERE!
VIEWED FROM UP HERE, IT LOOKS LIKE THE LABORATORY GUY! SEEMS UNCONSCIOUS!
BUT HOW WILL I GET THERE? EVEN IN A VIRTUAL WORLD SUCH A LEAP CAN BE RISKY!
MAYBE I CAN GET LOWER WITH ONE OF THESE STRANGE ROPES AND...
FIIIAAAM

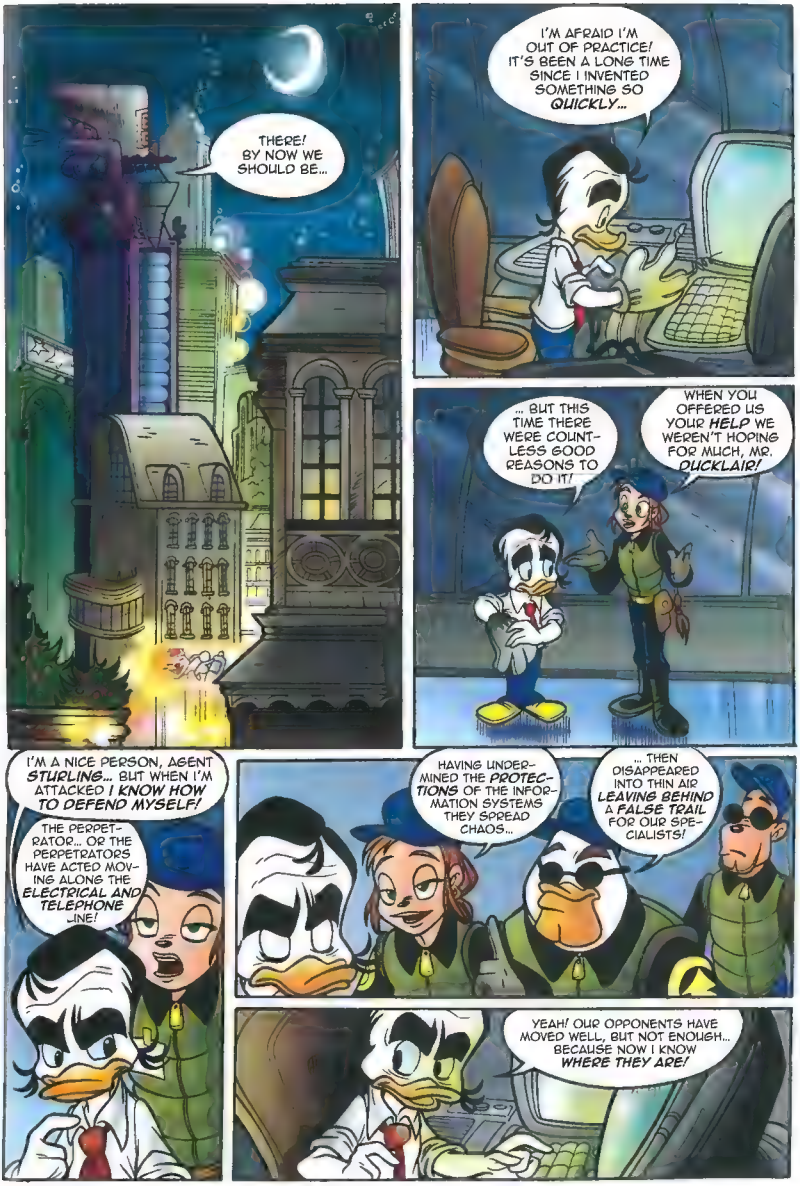
WOOOOOSH
B-BUT... WHAT'S HAPPENING?
URGH!
AND NOW LET'S TAKE CARE OF THIS POOR GUY! MUST HAVE STUMBLED UPON SOME SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM!
WHAT A JUMP! ON THE WAY BACK, IF I DON'T FIND A *TAXI*, I'LL HAVE TO MAKE IT ON FOOT!
CAN YOU HEAR ME, FRIEND?
KLUMP
GASP!

HANDS OFF!
BUT WHAT... WHAT IS THIS?
IT'S VERY SIMPLE, DUCK AVENGER! THIS IS A TRAP...
... AND YOU FELL RIGHT INTO IT!
OUCH!
IT'S VIRTUAL, BUT IT HURTS, EH?
WAIT... PERHAPS THERE'S A MISUNDERSTANDING! I'M HERE TO HELP YOU!
GOOD TO KNOW! SO IT WILL BE EASIER TO GET YOU OUT OF THE WAY!
BUMP
OOOF!
OH NO!

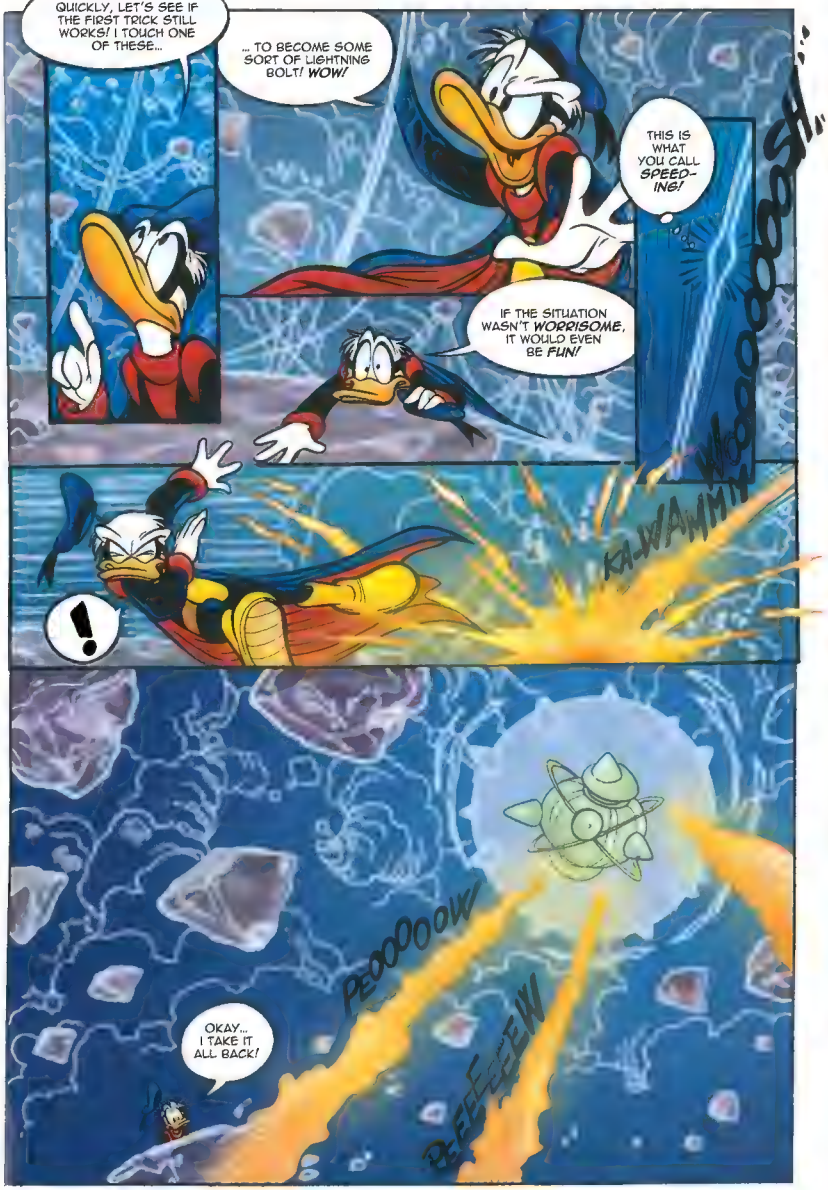

IT'S OVER! DO YOU HEAR ME, MISS DUCKLAIR?
BRING ME BACK NOW!
ALRIGHT, CORMACK! REACH THE POSITION AND GET READY!
I'M SORRY I DECEIVED YOU, DUCK AVENGER. I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE!
Bzzz
AND SOONER OR LATER IT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED ANYWAY!
IT'S NICE TO COME BACK HOME...
... BUT IT'S EVEN NICER DOING IT IN A BRAND NEW BODY!

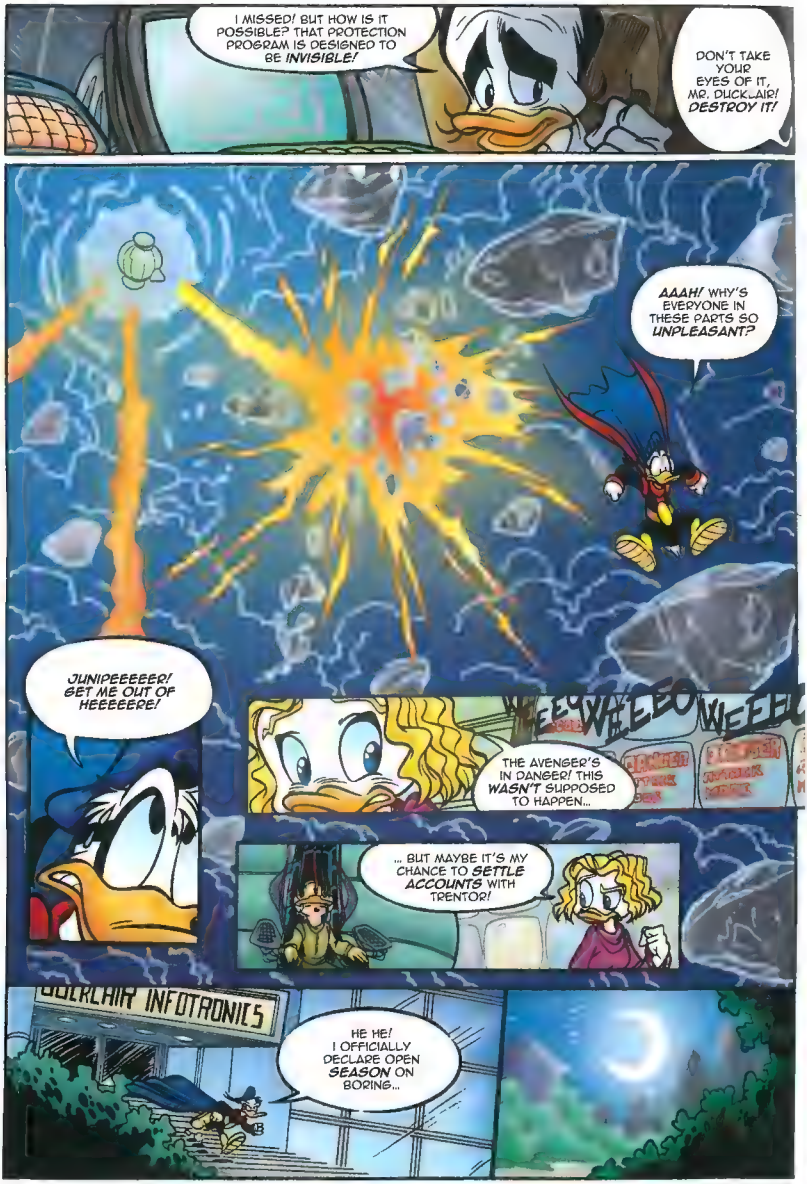

I'VE DONE WHAT YOU WANTED! BUT WHAT WILL BECOME OF HIM NOW?
CONSIDER HIM A "NON- RETURN-ABLE CONTAINER"! THE DUPLICATE IS MUCH BETTER THAN THE ORIGINAL!
CORMACK TRENTOR NO LONGER EXISTS! NOW THERE'S ONLY CORMACK-O!
... BUT IN CASE YOU HAVE SOME TRICK IN MIND, THIS STORY COULD INVOLVE YOU TOO!
AS THE AVENGER IT WILL BE EASIER TO TAKE OUT ANYMORE BORING! ALL THE BLAME WILL FALL ON HIM...
INTERLUDE.
BANCROFT STATION.
THE SPEEDY NIGHT TRAIN TO DUCKBURG IS DEPARTING FROM PLATFORM SIX. UP TO DUCKBURG THE STOPS ARE CHEESAPEKE...
BIN 6
... TURTLE LAKE, ROWENA, CHERRY SPRING AND CAMP RYE.
BIN 6
SPEEDY NIGHT

GOOD EVENING!
?!
I BELIEVE THIS IS MY CABIN!
WELL... WE'LL TRAVEL TOGETHER, THEN! I'VE TAKEN THIS BED!
BUT IF THE ONE UNDER IS LACKING AIR WE CAN SWITCH!
REALLY? OH, YOU'RE VERY KIND...
... JUDITH! MY NAME'S JUDITH TAYLOR!
MUCH PLEASURE, KORINNA! GOING TO DUCKBURG?
YEAH! TOMORROW'S MY FIRST DAY OF WORK! I'M SO EXCITED! I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE ABLE TO SLEEP!
IN THAT CASE WE'LL MAKE CONVERSATION! I TOO SUFFER A BIT OF INSOMNIA!
ARE YOU RETURNING HOME OR GOING THERE FOR TOURISM?
LET'S SAY THAT... I'M ATTENDING A FAMILY REUNION!


THERE! BY NOW WE SHOULD BE...
I'M AFRAID I'M OUT OF PRACTICE! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I INVENTED SOMETHING SO QUICKLY...
... BUT THIS TIME THERE WERE COUNTLESS GOOD REASONS TO DO IT!
WHEN YOU OFFERED US YOUR HELP WE WEREN'T HOPING FOR MUCH, MR. DUCKLAIR!
I'M A NICE PERSON, AGENT STURLING... BUT WHEN I'M ATTACKED I KNOW HOW TO DEFEND MYSELF!
THE PERPETRATOR... OR THE PERPETRATORS HAVE ACTED MOVING ALONG THE ELECTRICAL AND TELEPHONE LINE!
HAVING UNDERMINED THE PROTECTIONS OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS THEY SPREAD CHAOS...
... THEN DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR LEAVING BEHIND A FALSE TRAIL FOR OUR SPECIALISTS!
YEAH! OUR OPPONENTS HAVE MOVED WELL, BUT NOT ENOUGH... BECAUSE NOW I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE!

THE ASYNCHRONOUS SCOUT CAN GIVE US A REAL-TIME GLOBAL READING OF THE NETWORK, REGISTERING EVERY UNWELCOME PRESENCE!
THERE! SOME SORT OF ANOMALOUS IMPULSE! PERHAPS IT'S A VIRUS OR SOMETHING EVEN MORE SOPHISTICATED!
BULLSEYE ON FIRST TRY! CONGRATULATIONS, MR. DUCKLAIR!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
IT'S MOVING! MAYBE IT NOTICED US... OR MAYBE IT'S GOING BACK INTO ACTION!
YEAH, BUT THIS TIME I WON'T LET IT HAVE ANY ADVANTAGES...
... BECAUSE THIS TIME WE WILL STRIKE FIRST!
IF I HADN'T LANDED ON THAT PLATFORM I WOULD STILL BE FALLING! THIS PLACE SEEMS BOTTOMLESS!
THERE'S NO WAY OUT, NOR A SHRED OF INFORMATION! I CAN ONLY GO BACK TO THE STARTING POINT!


AND TO DO IT QUICKLY, LET'S SEE IF THE FIRST TRICK STILL WORKS! I TOUCH ONE OF THESE...
... TO BECOME SOME SORT OF LIGHTNING BOLT! WOW!
THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL SPEED-ING!
IF THE SITUATION WASN'T WORRISOME, IT WOULD EVEN BE FUN!
Woooooooosh
KA-WAMM
!
PEOOOOOW
BEEEEEEEW
OKAY... I TAKE IT ALL BACK!

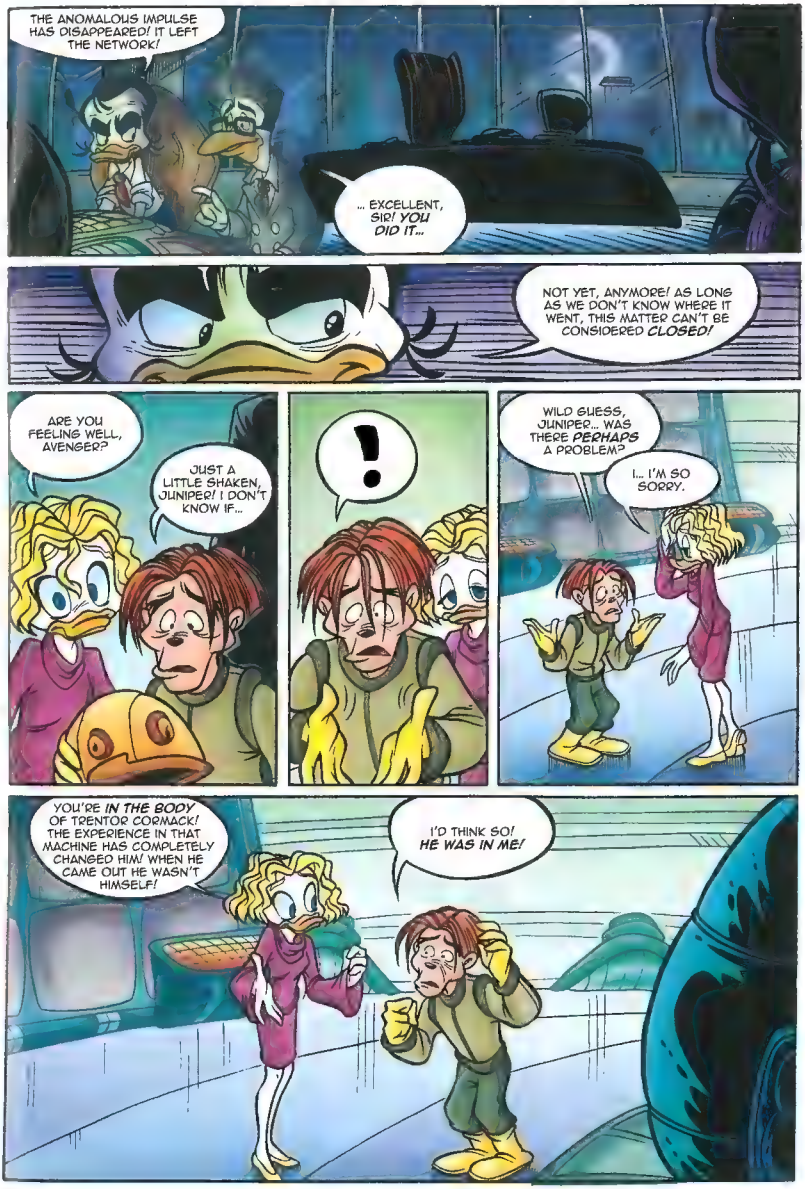

I MISSED! BUT HOW IS IT POSSIBLE? THAT PROTECTION PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO BE *INVISIBLE!*
DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES OF IT, MR. DUCKLAIR! *DESTROY IT!*
AAAH! WHY'S EVERYONE IN THESE PARTS SO *UNPLEASANT?*
JUNIPEEEEER! GET ME OUT OF HEEEEERE!
WEEE WHEEE WEEE
THE AVENGER'S IN DANGER! THIS *WASN'T* SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN...
... BUT MAYBE IT'S MY CHANCE TO *SETTLE ACCOUNTS* WITH TRENTOR!
DUCKLAIR INFOTRONICS
HE HE! I OFFICIALLY DECLARE OPEN *SEASON* ON BORING...

... AND IT WILL BE A HUNT EVEN MORE FUN WITH THIS TOY! IT'S THE FAMOUS DUCKMOBILE!
HMM... I DON'T SEEM TO HAVE A SET OF KEYS ON ME...
... BUT SUCH WONDERS USUALLY RECOGNIZE THE MASTER'S HAND!
IT'S GETTING HEAVY! I WONDER IF I CAN ALSO IN THIS ELECTRONIC VERSION COUNT ON MY...
... SHIELD!
FeeeOOOOOOOW
KRA-BRAAM
KZZZZZZZZZZZZ

IT DESTROYED THE PROTECTION PROGRAM!
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO LAUNCH ANOTHER ATTACK?
A COUPLE OF MINUTES, MAYBE! I DION'T EXPECT A REACTION LIKE THAT!
TWO MINUTES IS TOO MUCH! WE HAVE TO INTERVENE WITH THE EMERGENCY PLAN!
OKAY! ISOLATE ALL ELECTRICAL AND TELEPHONE NETWORKS! THAT SIGNAL MUST BE STOPPED AT ANY COST!
BUT THAT MEANS A COMPLETE BLACKOUT! THE CURE IS WORSE THAN THE DISEASE!
IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. THE DAMAGES WILL BE LIMITED!
I SUPPOSE THAT THE BUILDING HAS AN AUTONOMOUS EMERGENCY GENERATOR...
YOU SUPPOSE WELL!
GREAT! THIS WAY WE CAN CONTINUE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE MOVES OF OUR OPPONENTS!
CENTRAL, DO YOU READ ME?
... SEND THE DEACTIVATION ORDER!

WITHIN A FEW INSTANTS THE CITY STARTS SLIPPING INTO DARKNESS. PHONES FALL SILENT...
... AND ALL THAT SHONE, SUDDENLY SHINES NO LONGER.
HUH? WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?
THE EMERGENCY LIGHTS! THE POWER WENT OUT!
KREEEE

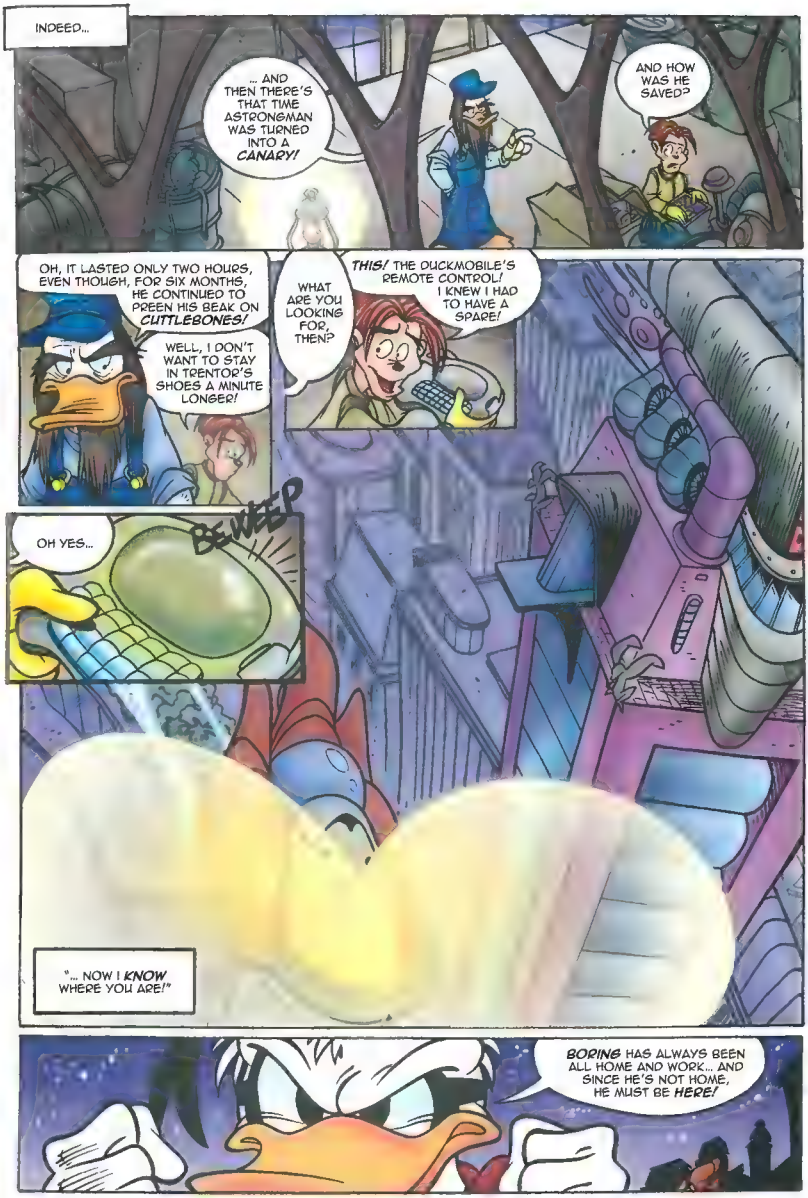
WZZZZ
WZZZZ
WZZZZ
OH NO! THE PANORAMA IS BEING ERASED!
WZZZZ
WZZZZ
WZZZZ
IF I GET OUT OF HERE, I SWEAR I'LL NEVER AGAIN SET FOOT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS! AND IF I DO I'LL SAY I DESERVED IT!
COME ON, DUCK AVENGER... YOU'RE ALMOST THERE! COME BACK!
AND NOW, IF LUCK WOULD TAKE A LOOK THIS WAY...
WZZZZ
WZZZZ
WZZZZ
... SOMETHING SHOULD HAPPEN!
!
UNNNGH!


THE ANOMALOUS IMPULSE HAS DISAPPEARED! IT LEFT THE NETWORK!
... EXCELLENT, SIR! YOU DID IT...
NOT YET, ANYMORE! AS LONG AS WE DON'T KNOW WHERE IT WENT, THIS MATTER CAN'T BE CONSIDERED CLOSED!
ARE YOU FEELING WELL, AVENGER?
JUST A LITTLE SHAKEN, JUNIPER! I DON'T KNOW IF...
!
WILD GUESS, JUNIPER... WAS THERE PERHAPS A PROBLEM?
I... I'M SO SORRY.
YOU'RE IN THE BODY OF TRENTOR CORMACK! THE EXPERIENCE IN THAT MACHINE HAS COMPLETELY CHANGED HIM! WHEN HE CAME OUT HE WASN'T HIMSELF!
I'D THINK SO! HE WAS IN ME!

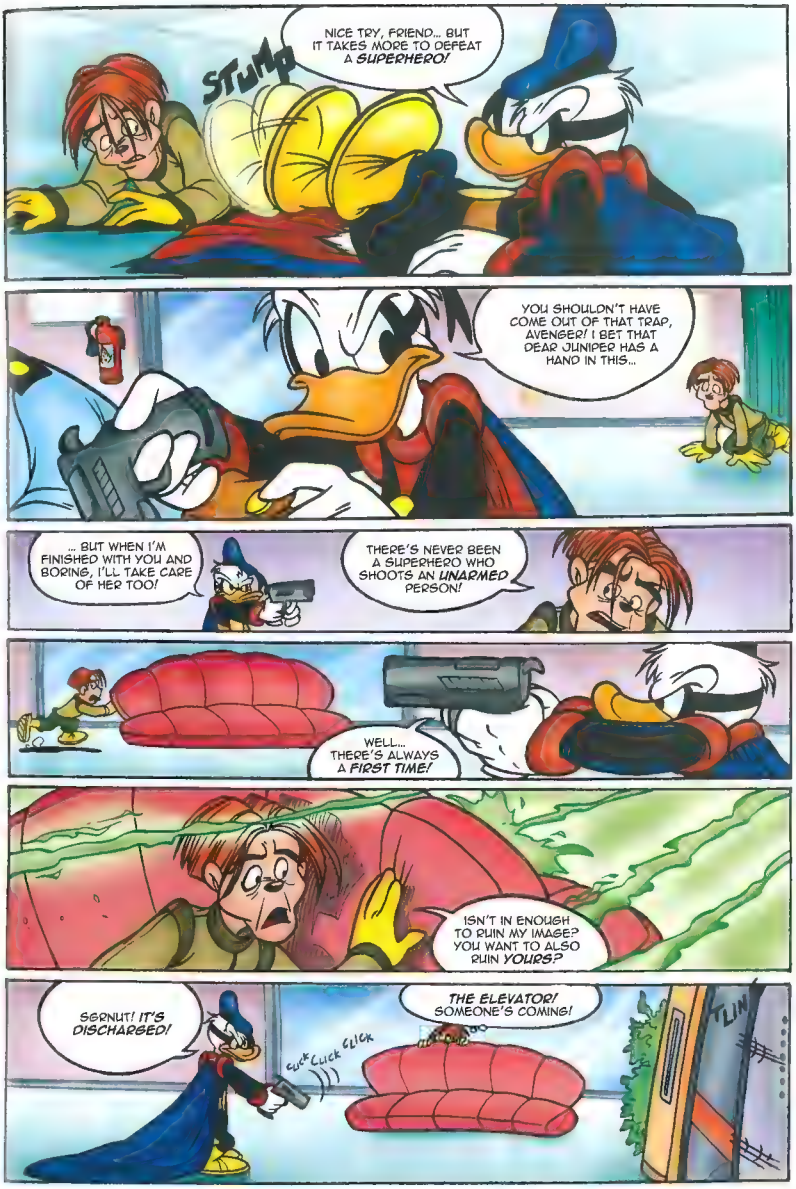
HE RAVED WHEN HE DISCONNECTED... I WAS STRUCK DOWN... AND HE FLED TAKING YOUR APPEARANCE!
HEY! I DON'T WANT TO REMAIN IN HERE! THIS IS DANDRUFF!
CORMACK HAD A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE! HE'S NO LONGER RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OWN ACTIONS!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM! THAT GUY'S DANGEROUS...
... AND ALSO A THIEF! HE STOLE MY CAR!
RELAX! I'LL CALL RIGHT AWAY MY CAR SERVICE!
TAWEEP!
THE CITY IS COMPLETELY DARK! DO YOU THINK THIS CAN ALSO BE HIS WORK?
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THAT GUY'S CAPABLE OF EVERYTHING! WHERE WOULD HE BE HIDING?
VROOOM
HE MUMBLED SOMETHING ABOUT ANYMORE BORING! SEEMS THAT HE HAD A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH HIM.
WAIT FOR ME HERE! TIME TO GET THAT RASCAL BACK AND PUT THINGS IN PLACE!
HOW DO YOU HOPE TO FIND HIM?
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT! EVEN IN THE SHOES OF SOMEONE ELSE I'M A GUY FULL OF RESOURCES!

I REALLY HOPE I WON'T ARRIVE TOO LATE TOMORROW! IN MY WORK I CAN'T AFFORD BEING UNRELIABLE!
BAH! THE LIGHT IS STILL RED!
WHAT DO YOU EXACTLY DO?
I'M A PRIVATE TUTOR... BUT TOMORROW I'LL BE THE GOVERNESS OF THE FLETCHER HOUSE!
MR. FLETCHER IS A DUCKBURGIAN BUSINESSMAN AND THESE ARE HIS KIDS!
HOW CUTE THEY ARE!
THEY ONLY KNOW ME BY MY REFERENCES! A DELAY OF A FEW HOURS WOULDN'T BE A GOOD CALLING CARD!
NO ONE KNOWS YOU, YOU SAY... WELL... YOU KNOW SOMETHING, JUDITH?
I REALLY LIKE YOUR NAME AND YOUR JOB!
I'LL TAKE THEM!

OUFF! WITH TRENTOR'S OUT OF SHAPE PHYSIQUE...
THUD
... EVERY MOVE BECOMES DIFFICULT!
LYO! B-BUT WHAT KIND OF WELCOME IS THIS? I'M THE DUCK AVENGER!
SURE! AND I'M THE BROTHER OF THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND! STAY WHERE YOU ARE! HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME? AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
IT'S REALLY ME, LYO!
THEN CONVINCE ME!
DOES THE NAME ASTRONG-MAN RING A BELL?
HMM...


INDEED...
... AND THEN THERE'S THAT TIME ASTRONGMAN WAS TURNED INTO A CANARY!
AND HOW WAS HE SAVED?
OH, IT LASTED ONLY TWO HOURS, EVEN THOUGH, FOR SIX MONTHS, HE CONTINUED TO PREEN HIS BEAK ON CUTTLEBONES!
WELL, I DON'T WANT TO STAY IN TRENTOR'S SHOES A MINUTE LONGER!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR, THEN?
THIS! THE DUCKMOBILE'S REMOTE CONTROL! I KNEW I HAD TO HAVE A SPARE!
OH YES...
BEWEEP
"... NOW I KNOW WHERE YOU ARE!"
BORING HAS ALWAYS BEEN ALL HOME AND WORK... AND SINCE HE'S NOT HOME, HE MUST BE HERE!

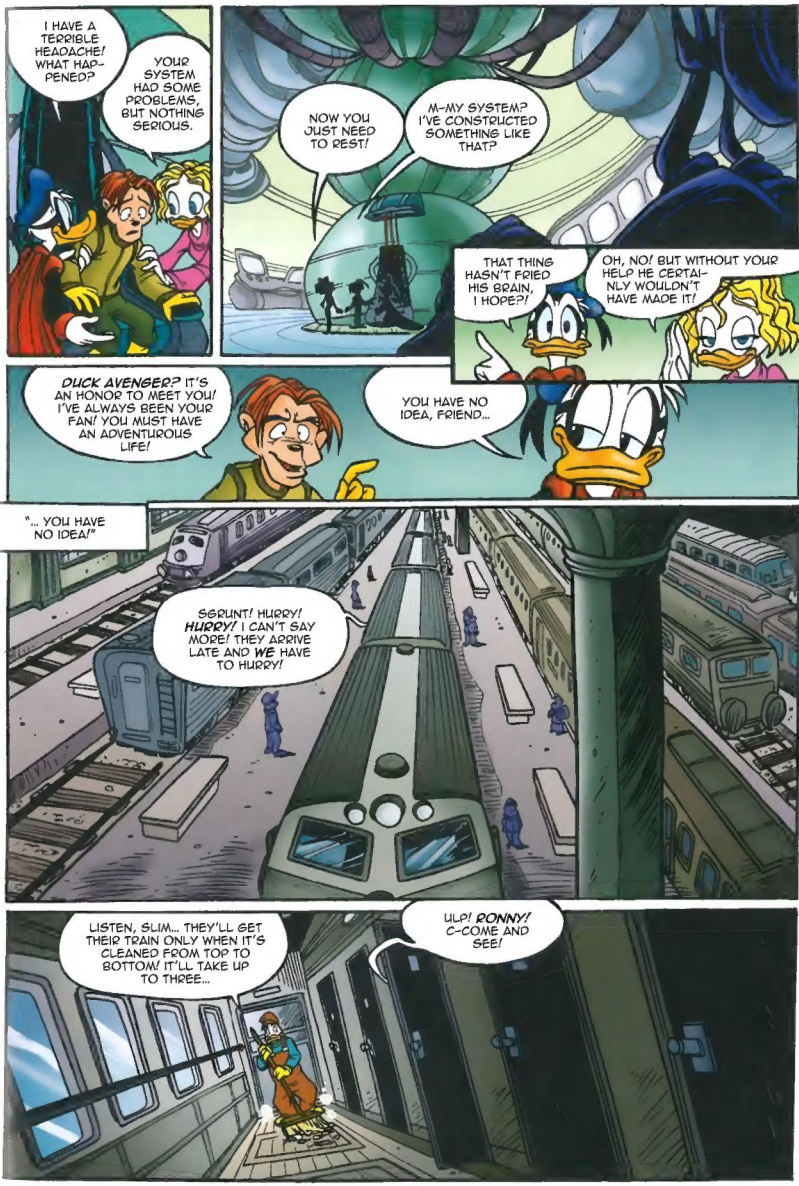
CRASH
MAY I?
DUCK AVENGER? WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS INTRUSION?
IT'S A STORY TOO LONG TO TELL AND IN THE END YOU MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND.
THUS, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL SKIP TO THE LAST CHAPTER!
OOOF!
WAMP
?
LOOK WHO IT IS...
IS IT THE NEW SUIT THAT MAKES YOU SO SELF-CONFIDENT OR ARE YOU FOAMING OF NATURE?
YOU!
EXACTLY! YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT BELONGS TO ME, BUFFOON!
BRING IT ON!

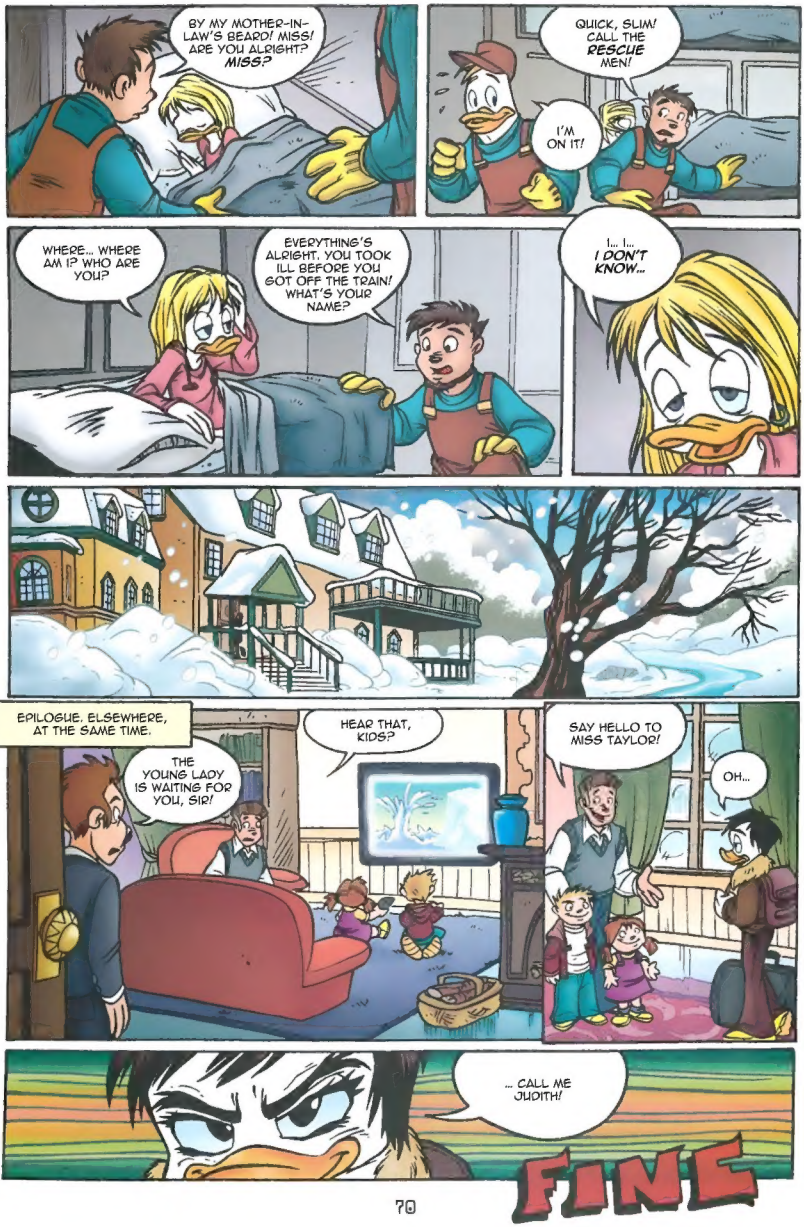

STUMP
NICE TRY, FRIEND... BUT IT TAKES MORE TO DEFEAT A SUPERHERO!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME OUT OF THAT TRAP, AVENGER! I BET THAT DEAR JUNIPER HAS A HAND IN THIS...
... BUT WHEN I'M FINISHED WITH YOU AND BORING, I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER TOO!
THERE'S NEVER BEEN A SUPERHERO WHO SHOOTS AN UNARMED PERSON!
WELL... THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST TIME!
ISN'T IN ENOUGH TO RUIN MY IMAGE? YOU WANT TO ALSO RUIN YOURS?
SCRUT! IT'S DISCHARGED!
CLICK CLICK CLICK
THE ELEVATOR! SOMEONE'S COMING!

WHAT'S HAPPENING! WE HEARD SHOTS!
IT'S STARTING TO GET TOO CROWDED HERE! GOODBYE SURPRISE ATTACK!
MY APPOINTMENT WITH BORING HAS ONLY BEEN DELAYED!
HE, NO! NOW THAT I'VE FOUND YOU I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY SO EASILY!
REALLY? THEN COME GET ME!
VROOM
YOU BET I WILL!
SKREEEEE
YOU'RE TOUGH, AVENGER...
... BUT MAYBE GETTING GRATED ON THIS WALL WILL HELP YOU SOFTEN!
THANKS FOR THE THOUGHT...
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT I DON'T CARE TOO MUCH TO BECOME GRAFFITI!

ALL THAT I WANT NOW IS TO *TAKE BACK MY LIFE!*
END OF THE LINE, IMPOSTER!
O-OUT OF THE WAY! *WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!*
DON'T WORRY, HERO...
... THERE'S AN *ELECTROMAGNETIC AIRBAG* JUST FOR THAT!
CRASH
SBRANG
HEY! WORKS PERFECTLY! THANKS FOR THE DEMONSTRATION, PAL! I THINK I'LL TAKE THIS MODEL...
OHHHH...
"... IT'S JUST THE RIGHT CAR FOR ME!"
ALL CONTACTS ARE IN ORDER! IT WILL ONLY BE AN INSTANT...

... I REALLY HOPE NO MORE MISTAKES WILL HAPPEN!
I HOPE SO TOO, JUNIPER! I'M READY TO LAUNCH...
IF THE PROCEDURE IS CORRECT...
THUK
CLANK!
CLACK!
... EVERYTHING SHOULD RETURN TO ORDER!
HEY! IT... IT WORKED!
YEAH... BUT BECAUSE EVERY PIECE SHOULD BE IN PLACE YOU FORGET ONE THING, MY FRIEND...
FWAM
M-MISS DUCKLAIR...
WELCOME BACK AMONG US, CORMACK!


I HAVE A TERRIBLE HEADACHE! WHAT HAP-PENED?
YOUR SYSTEM HAD SOME PROBLEMS, BUT NOTHING SERIOUS.
NOW YOU JUST NEED TO REST!
M-MY SYSTEM? I'VE CONSTRUCTED SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
THAT THING HASN'T FRIED HIS BRAIN, I HOPE?!
OH, NO! BUT WITHOUT YOUR HELP HE CERTAI-NLY WOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT!
DUCK AVENGER? IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN YOUR FAN! YOU MUST HAVE AN ADVENTUROUS LIFE!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA, FRIEND...
"... YOU HAVE NO IDEA!"
SGRUNT! HURRY! HURRY! I CAN'T SAY MORE! THEY ARRIVE LATE AND WE HAVE TO HURRY!
LISTEN, SLIM... THEY'LL GET THEIR TRAIN ONLY WHEN IT'S CLEANED FROM TOP TO BOTTOM! IT'LL TAKE UP TO THREE...
ULP! RONNY! C-COME AND SEE!


BY MY MOTHER-IN-LAW'S BEARD! MISS! ARE YOU ALRIGHT? MISS?
QUICK, SLIM! CALL THE RESCUE MEN!
I'M ON IT!
WHERE... WHERE AM I? WHO ARE YOU?
EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT. YOU TOOK ILL BEFORE YOU GOT OFF THE TRAIN! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I... I... I DON'T KNOW...
EPILOGUE. ELSEWHERE, AT THE SAME TIME.
THE YOUNG LADY IS WAITING FOR YOU, SIR!
HEAR THAT, KIDS?
SAY HELLO TO MISS TAYLOR!
OH...
... CALL ME JUDITH!
FINE